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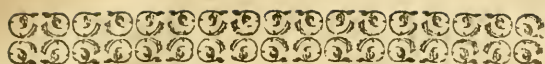


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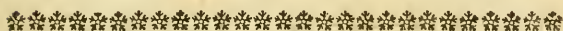
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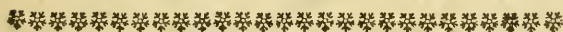


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O F
The W A R S in I T A L Y.



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T H E C O N T E N T S.

Pope Adrian arrives at Rome. Enters into a Confederacy with the Emperor and Venetians against France. Island of Rhodes taken by Solyman Sultan of the Turks. Death of Pope Adrian, and Election of Clement VII. Duke of Bourbon deserts from the King of France, and enters into the Service of the Emperor. King of France sends an Army into Italy, and makes a League with Pope Clement. Imperialists invade France, over-run Provence, and be-

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siege Marfeilles, but are forced to abandon that Enterprife, and retreat. King of France follows them into Italy, takes the City of Milan, and besieges Pavia. Emperor's Army advances to relieve the Place, a Battle ensues, in which the French are defeated, many of the Nobles killed, and the King himself taken Prisoner.

A. D.

1522.

THOUGH the late Victory over the *French* had composed the Affairs of *Lombardy*, it had not however lessened the Jealousy that the King of *France*, having his Kingdom entire, and at Peace, and the Generals and Men at Arms that he had sent into *Italy* returned in Safety, would, before it was long, make a fresh Attack on the Dutchy of *Milan*, especially considering that the *Swiss* were as ready as before to enter into his Pay, and the *Venetian* Senate persevered in their antient Confederacy with him. The Consideration of this Danger engaged the *Cæsarean* Generals to maintain and keep in Pay the Army, which was very difficult for them to do, because

Italy under Fear of a new French Invasion.

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cause they received no Money from *Cæ-* A. D.
far nor from the Kingdom of *Naples*, 1522.
 and the State of *Milan* was so far ex-
 hausted as to be insufficient of itself a-
 lone to quarter such Numbers of Sol-
 diers, and support such great Expences.
 Wherefore, without paying any Regard
 to the Cries of the People, or the Re-
 monstrances of the College of Cardinals,
 they had sent the greater Part of the Troops
 to take up their Quarters in the eccle-
 siastic State: And Don *Carlo di Lanoja*,
 newly appointed Viceroy of *Naples* in
 room of *Raimondo di Cardona* deceased, in
 his Passage through *Rome*, settled, in a
 Conference with Don *Giovanni Ma-*
nuel, the Contributions, determining that
 for the Three next Months the State
 of *Milan* should pay every Month
 Twenty Thousand Ducats, the *Floren-*
tines Fifteen Thousand, the *Genoese* Eight
 Thousand, *Siena* Five Thousand, and
Lucca Four Thousand. Though eve-
 ry Body exclaimed against this Tax,
 yet such was their Dread of the vic-
 torious Army that they were under a
 Necessity of submitting to it. The Im-

A. D. 1522. posers assuring them that it was indispensably necessary, because on the Preservation of those Forces depended the Defence of *Italy*; and, at the End of the Term the Imposition was renewed, but in much easier Sums.

IN this melancholy Situation of Affairs in *Italy* oppressed with a Train of Evils, and under Apprehensions of greater to come, the Arrival of the Pope was impatiently expected as a seasonable Help, by Means of the pontifical Authority, for composing a Multitude of Differences and providing against manifold Disorders: The Pontiff was earnestly intreated by *Cæsar*, who was at that Time on his Voyage by Sea to *Spain*, and had by the Way a Conference with the King of *England*, to wait for him at *Barcelona*, whither he would come in Person and acknowledge and adore him for Pope. But he refused to wait his Coming, either on account of the Distance of *Cæsar*, who was as yet in the farthest Parts of *Spain*, which would not suffer him to lose
so

so much Time as to force him afterwards to sail in an unfavourable Season, or from a Suspicion that *Cæsar* sought to make him defer his Passage to *Italy*; or, as many would have it, because he would not give too much Ground for the Opinion which had been entertained of him from the Beginning, that he could not help being too much devoted to *Cæsar*, which would obstruct the Negotiation of an universal Peace among Christians, which he had resolved to take upon him. He passed then by Sea to *Rome*, where he made his Entry on the Twenty Ninth of *August*, amidst a vast Concourse of People, by whom tho' his Coming was desired with the utmost Impatience, because *Rome*, without the Presence of Pontiffs, is more like a Desert than a City, yet the Sight created a Sort of Uneasiness in the Minds of all who considered that they had got a Pope of a barbarous Nation, quite unexperienced in the Affairs of *Italy*, of the Court, and even of those Nations which by long Intercourse were grown familiar

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1522.

Pope
Adrian
enters
Rome.

A. D. to *Italy*. The Sadness of these Reflex-
 1522. ions was heightened by a Plague, which
 breaking out at *Rome* at his Arrival, was
 interpreted as a very bad Omen of his
 Pontificate, and made great Devastation
 during the whole Autumn.

THE first Resolution of this Pope was
 to use his Endeavours for the Recovery of
Rimini, and to accommodate the Diffe-
 rences which had subsisted between the
 Duke of *Ferrara* and his two last Prede-
 cessors. For these Purposes he ordered
 into *Romagna* Fifteen Hundred *Spanish*
 Foot which he had brought with him as
 a Convoy to secure his Passage by Sea.
 While he was intent on these Things,
 it appearing to *Cæsar* that it was of great
 Importance for the Settlement of the Af-
 fairs of *Italy* to detach the *Venetians* from
 the King of *France*, in Hopes that the
 Senate, from the Diminution of the *French*
 Power and Interest, were disposed to em-
 brace a Peace, and not for the Interests of
 others to run the Hazard of transferring
 the War into their own Dominions; he
 communicated his Purpose to the King
 of

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of *England*, who had before privately lent him Money to help him against the King of *France*, but afterwards laid aside his Diffimulation, and now openly espoused the Cause: They both sent Ambassadors to *Venice* to solicit the Senate to enter into a Confederacy with *Cæsar* for the Defence of *Italy*. The Ambassador for *Cæsar* was *Girolamo Adorno*, and for the King of *England* *Richard Pacey*, and there was an Ambassador expected from *Ferdinand*, Brother to *Cæsar* and Archduke of *Austria*, whose Interest was necessary, whatever Peace should be made, on account of the many Differences between him and the *Venetians*. The King of *England* sent also an Herald to denounce War to the King of *France*, if he would not make a general Truce with *Cæsar* for Three Years in all Parts of the World, in which should be included the Church, the Duke of *Milan*, and the *Florentines*, complaining also that he had ceased to pay him the Fifty Thousand Ducats which he was obliged to pay every Year. The King refused to consent to a Truce, and roundly answered that it was not proper to pay Money to one who as-

A. D.
1522.

Cæsar and the King of England solicit the Venetians against the French.

fisted

A. D. 1522. fisted his Enemies with Money: By this Means the Animofities between them being exasperated, the Ambaffadors at each Court were difmiffed.

THIS Year Don *Giovanni Manuel*, who had been *Cæſar's* Plenipotentiary at *Rome*, departed out of *Italy*. At his departure he delivered to the *Florentines* a Schedule of his own Hand-writing, in which it was related how *Cæſar* by a Schedule written in *September* 1520 promiſed Pope *Leo* to confirm and grand anew to the *Florentines* the Privileges of the State, the Authority, and the Lands which they poſſeſſed, within Six Months after the firſt Diet held ſince the Coronation which was celebrated at *Aix la Chapelle*; for he had firſt promiſed them to make this Conceſſion within Four Months from his Election, but ſaid he had not been able, for juſt Reaſons, to expedite it to them at that Time; but Don *Giovanni* in the Name of *Cæſar* promiſed to make good the Contents of the Schedule, which was ratified by *Cæſar* in *March* 1523, and expedited by a Deed in a very ample Manner.

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II

A. D.

1522.

THIS Year *Cæsar*, as was said before, passed into *Spain*, where, on his Arrival, he proceeded with Severity against many who had been Authors of the Sedition, and discharged all the rest without inflicting any Punishment : And to accompany his Justice and Clemency with Examples of Rewards, on taking into Consideration that *Ferdinando* Duke of *Calabria*, refused to be Leader of the seditious Multitude, and chose rather not to leave his Confinement in the Castle of *Sciativæ*, he sent for him with great Honour to his Court, and not long after gave him in Marriage *Germana*, Widow of the late Catholic King, and rich, but barren, with a View that in him, who was the last Descendant from old *Alfonso*, King of *Aragon*, that Family might become extinct, for his two younger Brothers were both dead before, one in *France*, and the other in *Italy*.

BUT what rendered this an unfortunate Year, with very great Reproaches

Island of
Rhodes
conquer-
ed by *Soly-*
man the
Turk.

A. D. to the Christian Princes was that, to-
^{1522.} wards the End of it *Solyman* the *Otto-*
man took the Island of *Rhodes*, under
the Government of the Knights of
Rhodes, before called Knights of *Jeru-*
salem, who taking up their Residence
in that Island, after they had been chased
from *Jerusalem*, had for a very long
Time, with vast Honour to their Order,
preserved it tho' situated in the Midst
between the *Turk* and the *Soldan*, Princes
of such mighty Power, and made it
considered as the Bulwark of Christen-
dom in those Seas, tho' the Knights had
it laid to their Charge that, amidst their
daily Cruises on the Ships of the Infidels,
they sometimes took the Liberty
to make Prizes of Vessels belonging to
Christians. This Island was, for many
Months, besieged by a very powerful
Army, with the great *Turk* in Person,
who lost not the least Time for
harrassing the Defendants, sometimes by
very furious Assaults, sometimes by
working of Mines and Trenches, and
sometimes by raising very large Cavaliers

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liers of Earth and Timber, which over-
 topped the Walls of the Town, by
 which Works tho' carried on with great
 Slaughter of his Men, the Number of
 the Garrison was considerably dimi-
 nished; so that at length being spent
 with the continual Fatigues, and their
 Powder falling short, they were no lon-
 ger in a Condition to resist such a Mul-
 titude of Distresses and Inconveniencies;
 the Mines having penetrated into many
 Places of the Town, in which the Be-
 sieged, being forced to abandon one af-
 ter another the advanced Posts, were
 more and more straitened, till at length
 reduced to the utmost Necessity they
 capitulated with the *Turk*, and it was
 agreed that the Grand Master should
 surrender to him the Town, with Liber-
 ty for himself and all the Knights and
Rhodians to depart thence in Safety,
 and to take with them as many of
 their Effects as they could carry, and for
 their Security in so doing the *Turkish*
 Fleet was to have Orders to quit those
 Seas, and the Army to draw off to the
 Distance

A. D.

1522.

A. D. Distance of Five Miles from the Town
1522. of *Rhodes*. By Virtue of this Capitulation, which was faithfully observed, the *Turks* took Possession of *Rhodes*, and the Christians passed over to *Sicily*, and afterwards into *Italy*, having found in *Sicily* a Fleet of Ships fitted out tho' but slowly, thro' the Fault of the Pontiff, for throwing into *Rhodes*, as soon as the Wind should serve, a Supply of Provisions and warlike Stores. After the City was evacuated *Solyman*, for the greater Disparagement of the Christian Religion, made his Entry into the Place on the Day of the Nativity of the SON OF GOD, and on that Day, solemnised with an Infinity of Hymns and Music in Christian Churches, he caused all the Churches in *Rhodes* that were dedicated to the Worship of CHRIST to be converted into Mosques, which according to the Custom of the *Turks*, the Christian Rites being totally abolished, were dedicated to the Worship of *Makomet*. Thus ended the Year 1522, with so much Ignominy to the Christian Name, and
such

such were the Fruits of the Disorders of *A. D.*
 our Princes, tolerable however if the ^{1522.}
 Example of past Losses had given In-
 structions for the Time to come, but the
 Continuation of the Divisions among
 the Princes occasioned as great Calami-
 ties in 1523.

IN the Beginning of this Year the ^{1523.}
Malatesti knowing themselves too weak
 to resist the Forces of the Pope, by the
 Interposition of the Duke of *Urbino*,
 were content to yield up *Rimini* and its
 Castle, with a View, tho' uncertain, of
 obtaining a Maintenance for *Pandolfo* du-
 ring his Life, which did not take Effect.
 The Duke of *Urbino* afterwards waited
 on the Pontiff, and the glorious Memory
 of Pope *Julius* pleading in his Favour
 with his Holiness, and with the greater
 Part of the Court, he obtained Absoluti-
 on from Censures, and to be re-invested
 with the Duchy of *Urbino*, but with
 the Clause, *without Prejudice to Rights*,
 with a View of not prejudicing the As-
 signment which had been made of *Mon-*
teseltro

Pope re-
 ceives into
 Favour
 the Duke
 of *Urbino*.

A. D. *teseltro* to the *Florentines*, who affirmed
 1523. that they had lent Pope *Leo* for the
 Defence of that Dutchy Three Hundred
 and Fifty Thousand Ducats, and that
 they had expended about Sixty Thou-
 sand Ducats more since his Death, in
 several Places for the Preservation of
 the State of the Church.

And the
 Duke of
Ferrara.

THE Pope also received into Favour
 the Duke of *Ferrara*, reinvesting him
 not only with *Ferrara*, and all the
 Lands which, before the War made
 by *Leo* against the *French*, he possessed
 belonging to the Church, but, highly
 to his Disgrace, or that of his Ministers,
 who imposed upon his Ignorance in
 those Affairs, left him also in Possession
 of the Castles of *San Felice* and *Finale*,
 which being acquired by him when he
 entered into a War with *Leo*, and after-
 wards lost before his Death, he had taken
 the Opportunity of the Vacancy of the
 See to possess himself of anew. The
 Duke of *Ferrara* obliged himself to as-
 sist the Church with a certain Number of
 Troops,

Troops when they should be wanted for the Defence of its State ; and bound himself under most grievous Penalties, subjecting himself also to the Disannulling of his Investiture, and the Forfeiture of all his Rights in case he should for the future offend any more the Apostolic See. The Pope gave him good Hopes of his Intentions to restore him to the Possession of *Modena* and *Reggio* ; but as to this Point, on a Representation to his Holiness of the Importance of the Affair, and from the Example of his Predecessors, what an Infamy such a Step would cast upon his Name, he became more and more averse to restore those Cities.

AT this Time the Castle of *Milan* Castle of Milan labouring under a Scarcity of every Thing surrendered to excepting Bread, and the Garrison being Cæsar. very sickly, capitulated to surrender on Condition of Safety to Persons and Effects, if it were not relieved by the 14th Day of *April*, at which Term the Capitulation being observed, most of the People in the Place were found to be dead. *Cæsar*

A. D. 1523. consented that the Castle should be resigned into the Hands of *Francesco Sforza*, the Duke, for which he was highly commended by the *Italians*. And now the *French* had nothing left in their Possession in *Italy* but the Castle of *Crema*, which was still abundantly provided with Necessaries. These Successes however were no Relief to the Miseries of the Inhabitants of the *Milane*, who were extremely grieved by the *Cæsarean* Army, because they did not receive their Pay. For the same Reason, when they were on their March to take up their Quarters in *Asti* and in its Territory, they mutinied, and plundered all the Country as far as *Vigevano*; so that the *Milane*, to put a Stop to these Devastations, and to save the Country from being entirely ruined, were constrained to promise them their Pay at certain Terms, which amounted to about One Hundred Thousand Ducats. These Hardships, however, did not in the least mitigate the Hatred of the People towards the *French*, being kept steady, partly by Fear, remembering the Injuries they

they had received from that Nation, ^{A. D.} and partly by Hopes that whenever the ^{1523.} Danger of a fresh Attack from the King of *France* upon that State was ceased, they should be eased of so great a Burden, because there would be no Necessity for *Cæsar* to keep any standing Forces in the *Milanese*.

AT this same Time was under continual Negotiation an Agreement between *Cæsar* and the *Venetians*, which on account of the many Difficulties that arose, and the various Delays interposed by them, kept the Friends of both Parties in Suspense concerning the Issue. This Tedi-ousness, and perhaps also the Difficulty of the Negotiation were increased by the Death of *Girolamo Adorno*, who being a Person of a great Spirit and Experience, tho' a young Man, managed the Treaty with Authority, and with singular Dexterity. In his Room was sent from *Milan*, with a Commission from *Cæsar*, *Marino Carracciolo*, the Apostolical Protonotary, who many Years after was by Pope

Peace negotiated between *Cæsar* and the *Venetians*.

A. D. *Paul* III. advanced to the Dignity of
^{1523.} the Cardinalship. This Treaty, which was
carried on at *Venice*, was under Debate
many Months, because on the other Side
the King of *France* by his Ambassadors,
laboured with the greatest Diligence and
Assiduity in opposing it, sometimes pro-
mising by Letters, sometimes by trusty
Agents, to pass into *Italy* with a very
potent Army. On this Occasion there
was great Variety of Opinions among the
Senators, and continual Disputes; for
many advised not to abandon the Confe-
deracy with the King, in Confidence that
he would soon send an Army into *Italy*.
This Hope the King endeavouring with
the utmost Industry to cherish, had, be-
sides many others, lately sent to *Venice*
Renzo da Ceri, to make the same Promise,
and to signify that the Preparations were
in Readiness. Others from Experience of
past Events, considering that King's Negli-
gence in executing his Projects, could
not persuade themselves that his Passage
could take Effect; and they were con-
firmed in this Opinion by the Letters of
Giovanni

Giovanni Badoaro, their Ambassador in *France*, who giving Credit to what had been reported to him of the Duke of *Bourbon*, (who had already very secretly conspired against the King, and wished that the *Venetians* would join with *Cæsar*) assured them that the King of *France* would neither pass in Person, nor send an Army this Year into *Italy*. Others were intimidated by the ill Success of the King, and by the good Fortune of *Cæsar*, and with the Consideration that the Duke of *Milan*, the *Genoeſe* and the *Florentines*, with all *Tuscany* espoused the Party of *Cæsar*, and it was believed that the Pope would do the same: And out of *Italy*, *Cæsar* was in close Alliance with the Archduke of *Austria* his Brother, a Neighbour to the *Venetian* State, and with the King of *England*, who was continually making War in *Picardy*. In this Variety of Opinions among the principal Members of the Senate as well as others, the Maturity of Affairs, and the most pressing Instances of the Ambassadors of *Cæsar* not admitting of any further Delay in coming to a Resolution, the Council of

A. D. the *Pregadi* was at last convoked in order
 1523. to determine their Choice. Here *Andrea*
Gritti, a Person of the highest Authority
 in that Republic for his Administration of
 the most important Affairs, and his many
 remarkable Exploits, and whose Name
 was very famous over all *Italy* and in the
 Courts of foreign Princes, made a
 Speech, as it is said, in Substance as fol-
 lows.

Speech of
Andrea
Gritti.

“ Though I am sensible, most excellent
 Senators, there is cause to fear that if
 I should give my Advice not to sepa-
 rate ourselves from our Confederacy with
 the King of *France*, some may under-
 stand by it that I am more influenced with
 respect to the long Conversation I have had
 with the *French* than by a regard to the
 Commonwealth, I shall not however for-
 bear on that account to express my Mind
 freely as it is the Right and Duty of a
 good Citizen; nay, that Citizen and Se-
 nator is of no Service who, for any
 Reason whatsoever, shews himself back-
 ward in persuading others to what he
 thinks in his own Mind to be for the
 Benefit

Benefit of the Republic. I persuade myself however that this Interpretation will not take Place with Men of Prudence, because they will consider not only what have been my Manners and Actions at all Times, but also that I have never treated with the King of *France*, or with his Ministers, but as your Minister, and by your Commission and Orders. But besides this I shall be justified, if I deceive not myself by the Probability of the Reasons which induce me to embrace this Opinion. We are debating whether we ought to make a new Confederacy with *Cæsar*, contrary to the Faith we have given, and to the Obligations of the Confederacy in which we are engaged with the King of *France*; a Point which, in my Opinion, means no other than to establish the Power of *Cæsar*, already formidable to every one, in such a Manner as that it being impossible for us to find any further Remedy for moderating or repressing it, we shall see it continually increasing to our manifest Prejudice. We have no Reason that can justify this Resolution, for the King

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A. D. has always observed our Confederacy,
1523. and if the Effects have not answered in being so ready as we could wish to renew the War in *Italy*, it is very well known that, since he was stimulated to do it, by his own Interest, there can be no other Cause for his Backwardness than the Impediments which he has met with, and still finds in the Kingdom of *France*, which indeed have been sufficient to make him defer his Designs, but will never be able wholly to crush them. For so ardent is his Desire to recover the State of *Milan*, so great is his Power, that as soon as he has repelled the first Efforts of his Enemies, which he will easily sustain, nothing will retard him from sending afresh a very great Force on this Side the Mountains. We have before our Eyes in both these respects the repeated Example of King *Lewis*, who, when *France* was attacked by Armies much more potent than those which at present molest it, almost the whole World having conspired against him, by the Greatness of his Force, the Strength of the Places on his Frontiers, and the Fidelity of his People, easily defended

fended himself, and when all Men were of Opinion that the Fatigues of the War must have laid him under a Necessity of taking some time for Rest, on a sudden he descended into *Italy* with powerful Armies. Did not the present King do the same in the Beginning of his Reign, when every one believed that because he was newly come to the Crown, and found the royal Treasury exhausted by the infinite Expences of his Predecessor, he must have been under a Necessity of deferring the War to another Year? We ought not therefore to be intimidated by this Slowness, nor would it be a sufficient Excuse for our Variations, since our Confederate is not retarded by his Will but by the Impediments that have intervened, not from any just Cause that we have to complain of his Conjunction, nor from any decent Pretence afforded us to separate ourselves from his Alliance. This Resolution demands of us a Regard to Decency, a Regard to the Dignity of the *Venetian* Senate; but it requires no less a Regard to our Utility, or rather to our Safety. For who is so ignorant as not

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1523.

to know of what great Benefit it may be to us, and from how many Dangers it may free us, if the King of *France* recovers the State of *Milan*, and what a peaceful Situation for many Years it may produce in our Affairs? This we may learn from the Example of what happened but a few Years ago, when the Recovery of the *Milanese* by that King was the Cause that we, who before at a vast Expence and Hazard attended to the Defence of *Padoua* and *Trevigi*, recovered *Brescia* and *Verona*; was the Cause that, while he kept quiet Possession of that Dutchy, we enjoyed absolute Peace and Security in all our Dominions. These are Examples that ought to have much greater Weight with us than the antient Memory of the League of *Cambray*, for the Kings of *France* have learned by Experience, what they had not comprehended by Reason, the great Damage they would receive by being separated from our Alliance; a Point of which they will without comparison be more sensible at the present Juncture, in which that King has for a Rival an Emperor, Sovereign of so many Kingdoms,

doms, and of such Greatness, whose ^{A. D.} Power will necessitate him to desire and ^{1523.} to set the highest Value upon our Confederacy. But on the contrary who is he that sees not, and knows not in what a dangerous Situation our Affairs will remain as soon as the King of *France* shall be totally excluded from making any Attempt upon *Italy*? Who can hinder *Cæsar* from appropriating to himself or to his Brother the Dutchy of *Milan*, of which he has not to this Day ever granted the Investiture to *Francesco Sforza*? And if, as it is very plain, he will have the Power to do it, what Security can be given of his Will? Who is he that can promise that, since the Dutchy of *Milan* serves as Stairs for ascending to the Empire of all *Italy*, *Cæsar* will be more influenced by a Regard to Justice and Honour, than by Ambition, and a Covetousness proper and natural to all great Princes? Shall we perhaps be secured by the Moderation and Temperance of his Ministers in *Italy*, who are almost all *Spaniards*, a deceitful and most rapacious Nation, and insatiable above all others? If *Cæsar* then or *Ferdinando*

A. D. *dinando* his Brother should appropriate
^{1523.} *Milan*, what will be the Condition of our
State, when furrounded by them on the
Side of *Italy*, and of *Germany*? What
Remedy can we expect for our Dangers,
the Kingdom of *Naples* being in his
Hands, the Pope and the other States of
Italy his Dependants, and every one of
our Friends so exhausted of Money, and
bare of Troops, that no Assistance can
be hoped from them? But if the King of
France should get Possession of the Dut-
chy of *Milan*, Affairs resting in a Balance
between two such Princes, whoever should
have Reason to be apprehensive of the
Power of one would be regarded and Sup-
ported by that of the other: And even
the Fear alone of his Coming secures all
others, since it constrains the Imperialists
to lie still, and not to employ themselves
in any Enterprize. Wherefore it seems to
me that we are rather to laugh than to be
terrified at the Vanity of those who threa-
ten that, if we confederate not with *Cæ-*
sar, they will turn their Arms against us,
as if to engage in a War with the *Venetian*
Senate were an easy Undertaking, and
there

there was Reason to hope for a speedy Victory, and as if it were a Means for preventing the Passage of the King of *France*, and not rather a Cause of the contrary: For who doubts that, when they have provoked us, we shall be obliged to propose such Conditions to the King as would induce him to pass, even tho' he were of himself averse to it. Was not this the very Case in the Time of King *Lewis*, when their Injuries and treacherous Dealings induced us to stimulate that King, when I from his Prisoner became your Ambassador, that at a Juncture when he was most apprehensive of being very powerfully attacked in *France*, he sent his Army tho' with ill Fortune, into *Italy*? Can you imagine that if the Imperialists had thought that the Way to procure them our Friendship, or to keep the King of *France* out of *Italy*, was to fall upon us, they would have hitherto delayed to begin Hostilities, because perhaps their Generals had no covetous Desires to enrich themselves with Plunder and the Gains of War, or else perhaps were under no Necessity of easing the Country

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Country of their Friends of its Burden of quartering Troops, of getting Money for disburthening it, and to maintain the Army upon free Quarters in the Territories of others? But they have found by Experience that our Power renders it too difficult to force us to this Inconvenience, and they know it is not for their Interest, who are every Day apprehensive of a War with the King of *France*, to involve themselves in another War, and to give Occasion to a State powerful in Forces and Money, from the Greatness of their Injuries, to stimulate a *French* Invasion. While they remain in these Doubts and Jealousies they will not seize on the Dutchy of *Milan* for themselves, nor ever after affront us but with vain Menaces. If we secure them from these Apprehensions it will lie in their Power to accomplish either, and if they should put their Scheme in Execution, as probably they will, of whom can we chiefly complain but of ourselves and of our excessive Timidity, and immoderate Desire of Peace? Peace indeed is desirable, and a Blessing, when it is secure from Jealousies, when it

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increases not the Danger, and when it induces Men to think themselves at Liberty to enjoy Rest, and to free themselves from Expences. But when it produces contrary Effects, it is, under the insidious Name of Peace, a pernicious War, and under the Name of a wholesome Medicine, a destructive Poison. Wherefore if our joining in Confederacy with *Cæsar* excludes the King of *France* from making an Attempt upon *Italy*, we give *Cæsar* the Liberty of seizing at his Pleasure on the Dutchy of *Milan*, and when he is once possessed of that State to study our Destruction. Hence it will follow that, with the greatest Reproach to our Name, and with the Violation of the Faith of this Republic, we purchase the Aggrandisement of a Prince who has extended his Ambition no less than his Power, and who pretends with his Brother that all we possess on the *Terra Firma* belongs to them; and that we exclude from *Italy* a Prince whose greatness is a Security to all others, and who would be necessitated to continue in the strictest Union with us. Now a Person who proposes such evident
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and palpable Reasons cannot be charged as under the Influence of a new Affection, rather than of Truth, or of private Interest, rather than of Love to the Republic, of whose Safety we have no Reason to doubt if it shall please GOD to grant so much Success to your Resolutions as he has bestowed Wisdom on this most excellent Senate."

BUT *Giorgio Cornaro*, a Citizen of equal Authority, and of as high a Reputation for Wisdom, as any Member of that Senate, made the following Speech in Opposition to this Advice.

"THE present Debate most illustrious Senators, is certainly of very great Importance, and very difficult. And yet when I consider the Ambition and Faithlessness of the Princes of our Times, and the Incongruity of their Nature with the Nature of Republics, which not being governed by the Will of a single Person, but by the Consent of many, proceed with more Moderation, and with greater Respects, nor ever arbitrarily depart, as is frequent

frequent with Princes, from what has *A. D.*
 some Appearance of Justice and Honour, ^{1523.}
 I cannot but conclude with myself that
 it must be very pernicious to us that the
 Dutchy of *Milan* should be under a
 Prince more powerful than ourselves.
 For such a Vicinity will of Necessity
 keep us under continual Jealousies and
 Uneasiness, and tho' we may be at Peace,
 it will be proper for us to be almost per-
 petually plotting on War, notwithstanding
 any Confederacy or Convention that may
 subsist between us. Of this we find
 infinite Examples in antient Historians,
 and some in our own Writers; but what
 greater and more illustrious Examples can
 there be than those, the bitter Memory of
 which is engraven in all our Hearts? This
 Senate introduced *Lewis* King of *France*
 into the Dutchy of *Milan*, at which un-
 fortunate Resolution many of us were pre-
 sent. We religiously observed the Arti-
 cles of our Confederacy with him, tho' we
 were invited by the *Spaniards* and *Ger-*
mans with great Rewards, and on dif-
 ferent Occasions, to detatch ourselves from
 him, and were assured that he was of-

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or

or join in Confederacy with *Cæſar*: One of theſe two Reſolutions totally excludes *Franceſco Sforza* from the Dutchy of *Milan*, and gives Admittance to the King of *France*, a Prince ſo much more potent than ourſelves; the other tends to confirm and ſecure *Sforza* in the Poſſeſſion of that Dutchy, which *Cæſar* propoſes to include as the principal Article of our Confederacy, and has promiſed the King of *England* to obſerve it. Wherefore if he ſhould attempt to deprive him of that State, he would not only offend us, and the other *Italian* States, to whom he would give Occaſion to have recourſe once more to the *French*, but diſoblige the King of *England*, for whom, all the World knows, he ought to have the greateſt Reſpect, and would beſides provoke the People of the *Milaneſe*, who are perfectly devoted to *Franceſco Sforza*. By ſuch a Step he would involve himſelf in a Multitude of Difficulties and Dangers, and highly to his Diſhonour, be guilty of a Breach of Faith, which he has hitherto, for ought that appears, preſerved inviolable, which cannot be ſaid of the *French*;

A D. nay, what is more, his restoring to
 1523. *Francesco Sforza*, after the Death of
 Pope *Leo*, the State of *Milan*, resigning
 into his Hands the Fortresses successively
 as he acquired them, and at last, contrary
 to what many expected, putting
 him in Possession of the Castle of *Milan*,
 must be taken as manifest Signs that he
 intends to fulfil his Engagement. Why
 then should we hesitate in preferring a Re-
 solution which gives us great Hopes of
 answering our Intentions before one that
 manifestly tends to an End repugnant to
 our Views? In Opposition to this we
 are told it would be more dangerous to
 this Republic for the Dutchy of *Milan*
 to be under the Dominion of the Em-
 peror than of the King of *France*, be-
 cause that King, by the Greatness of
Cæsar, and the Emulation between them
 would be in a manner necessitated to
 persevere in strict Alliance with us; but
 from *Cæsar* we may expect quite the
 contrary, both on account of his Power
 and of the Claims which he and his Bro-
 ther pretend to have on our State. I
 believe that whoever has such an Opini-
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on of *Cæsar* is not deceived, considering *A. D.*
the Nature and Manners of such great ^{1523.}
Princes; and I heartily wish he may not
deceive himself who has not the same
Opinion of the King of *France*. Ma-
ny of the same Reasons were in Force
under his Predecessor, who was how-
ever more swayed by Covetousness and
Ambition than by a Sense of Honour, or
of his own Profit. Besides the Reasons
which might oblige him to continue uni-
ted with us are not perpetual, but vary
from Time to Time, according to the
Nature of human Affairs. *Cæsar* is
subject to the common Lot of Mortals,
and, like other Princes greater than him-
self, liable to infinite Accidents of Fortune;
and how long ago is it that, when all *Spain*
was in an Insurrection against him he ap-
peared more worthy of Commiseration
than Envy? And at least there is not so
much Difference between one Danger and
another as there is between a Resolution
that certainly excludes us from obtaining
our End, and one that probably will lead
us to its Accomplishment. Moreover
the Reasons alledged by the worthy Sena-

A. D. 1523. tor have a Respect only to future and distant Dangers; but if we consider the present State of Affairs, it is not to be doubted that if we refuse an Alliance with *Cæsar* we shall immediately expose ourselves to greater Distresses and Dangers. For if we break off our Confederacy with the King of *France* it is very probable that he will defer his military Operations till a more convenient Time and Opportunity; but if we are in Conjunction with him, he may perhaps think fit immediately to enter upon Action, which will of Necessity create us Trouble and Expence. But in what Case is the War with the King likely to be attended with the greatest Danger to our State? If we join with *Cæsar* we may almost conclude for certain that the Victory will fall on our Side: An Event which we cannot so well promise ourselves by an Union with the King of *France*. And by confederating with *Cæsar* even the Victory of the King would not prove of such dangerous Consequence as would result from a contrary Resolution; for in such a Case the whole Force
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of the victorious Arms will be turned against us, and *Cæsar* would not only find himself under less Restraint, and fewer Impediments, but prompted in a manner by Necessity, to seize on the Dutchy of *Milan*. To what is urged concerning our Tie of Confederacy the Answer is easy; for we promised the King of *France* to defend the States which he possessed in *Italy*, not to recover them after he had lost them; there is nothing to that Purpose in the Instrument of our Articles, nor do these Reasons at all affect us. We fulfilled our Obligation when at the Loss of *Milan*, occasioned by their Want of Provisions for its Defence, our Troops suffered more than the *French*: We fulfilled them when we sent our Forces to the Assistance of *Lautrech* on his Return with the *Swiss*. We went beyond our Obligations when we suffered ourselves to be induced by them with vain Hopes and Promises to wait for so many Months together the coming of his Army. If Will detained him, why should we seek to bear the Punishment of his Faults? If Necessity, is not that same

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A. D. Reason sufficient to justify us to him,
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I know not for what we should be any longer bound to the King of *France*, since we have first been abandoned by him. I know not what farther is required of one Confederate from another, or how our Dangers can do him any Service. I affirm not that the imperial Generals have at present any Thoughts of going to War with us, nor will I presume to assert the contrary, considering the Necessity they lie under of subsisting the Army on the States of their Neighbours; and the Hopes they may have of drawing us by that Means into an Alliance with them, especially if the King of *France* should not pass, of which if any one doubts, he has, in my Opinion sufficient Reason for his doubting from the Negligence of the *French*, and their Want of Money, of which they have been exhausted by the Wars, in which they are engaged beyond the Mountains, with two such Princes. Nor can he be justly blamed who believes this to be true on the Credit of your Ambassadors, for Ambassadors

bassadors are the Eyes and Ears of States. In short I repeat it again as my Opinion that we ought to use our utmost Endeavours, and be most solicitous that the Dutchy of *Milan* may be settled on *Francesco Sforza*, whence it will follow that a Resolution which conducts to this End, is more for our Utility than one that totally excludes us from it.”

THE Authority of two such Personages, and the Efficacy of their Reasons rather more perplexed than determined the Minds of the Senators, whence the Senate prolonged as much a possible, their coming to a Resolution, induced to this Delay by their own Nature, the Weightiness of the Affair, and a Desire to see first some further Progress of the King of *France*; many Difficulties also were thrown in their Way arising from a Necessity of their coming to an Agreement with the Archduke. The King of *France* increased their Doubts and Suspension of Mind by his present careful Attention to the Preparations of War,
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A. D. and his sending the Bishop of *Bayeux*,
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 tion for the whole next ensuing Month,
 declaring that before the End of that
 Term he would pass into *Italy* with a
 greater Army than had ever been seen
 in that Country within the Memory of
 Man. While they remained under this
 Ambiguity, the Doge *Antonio Grimano*
Andrea happened to die, and *Andrea Gritti* was
Gritti elected in his Room, which was rather
Doge of a Disservice to the *French* Interest than
Venice. otherwise; for *Gritti* seated in that high
 Dignity left the Resolution entirely to
 the Senate, and would never from that
 Time, either by Words or Actions, shew
 himself inclined to either Party. At
 last the King continually sending to the
 Senate new Agents with very large Of-
 fers, and it being assured that *Anne de*
Montmorency, afterwards Grand Constable
 of *France*, and *Federigo de Bozzole* were
 coming to *Venice* on the same Business,
 the Imperial and *English* Ambassadors,
 who were very jealous of this Delay, pro-
 tested to the Senate that they would de-
 part at the end of three Days, and leave
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the whole Affair unfinished. The Senate therefore being under a Necessity ^{A. D. 1523.} of coming to a Resolution, and putting no Faith in the Promises of the King of *France*, whose Credit was diminished by his having amused them for so many Months together, with vain Hopes, but much more by the Intelligence they received from their Ambassador residing at his Court in contradiction to the Agent's Promises, determined to embrace the Friendship of *Cæsar*, with whom they made a Convention on the following Conditions.

THAT between *Cæsar*, *Ferdinando* Articles of a Treaty between *Cæsar* and the *Venetians*. Archduke of *Austria*, *Francesco Sforza* Duke of *Milan*, on one Part, and the *Venetian* Senate on the other, should be a perpetual Peace and Confederacy: That the Senate should be obliged to send, whenever there should be Occasion, for the Defence of the Dutchy of *Milan*, Six hundred Men at Arms, Six Hundred Light Horse, and Six Thousand Foot; and the same Force for the Defence of the Kingdom of *Naples*; in
case

A. D. 1523. case it should be molested by any Christian Power; which Limitation was inserted because the *Venetians* refused to oblige themselves in general to defend that Country, that they might not provoke a War with the *Turks*. *Cæsar* entered into the same Obligation to defend whatever was in the Possession of the *Venetians* in *Italy*: And the *Venetians* were to pay the Archduke, on account of old Differences, and of the Agreement made at *Worms*, in the Space of Eight Years, Two Hundred Thousand Ducats. As soon as this Convention was made the *Venetians* dismissed from their Service *Teodoro da Trivulzio*, and elected for Governor General of their Forces, on the same Conditions, *Francesco Maria* Duke of *Urbino*.

Duke of
Urbino
made General of
the *Venetians*.

IT was generally thought all over *Italy* that the King of *France*, on hearing that those from whom he expected Assistance were become his Enemies, would lay aside for this Year all Thoughts of invading the Dutchy of *Milan*; but when it was known

known that he not only continued his Preparations but had begun to put his Army in Motion; those who dreaded the Consequences of his Victory, entered into a new Confederacy against him, and prevailed on the Pope to be at the Head of the League. A. D.
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ADRIAN desirous of a general Peace on his first coming into *Italy*, had intreated *Cæsar* and the Kings of *France* and *England* to lay down their Arms, so pernicious to the Christian Commonwealth, and especially at a time when the *Turks* were in such a Career of Success; and that they would send to *Rome* their respective Ambassadors with full Powers. They all apparently complied at once with his Request, but no sooner began to treat than they found it would be all Labour lost; for a Peace was obstructed by infinite Difficulties, and a short Truce was not pleasing to *Cæsar* because it procured him no Advantage, and to a long one the King of *France* would not

A. D. not consent. The Pope therefore influ-
 1523. enced either by his ancient Benevolence
 towards *Cæsar*, or persuaded that the King
 of *France* had no real Thought of com-
 ing to an Agreement, began more than
 usual to give Ear to those who persuaded
 him not to permit the King to get Possession
 anew of the Dutchy of *Milan*.

Cardinal
de' Medici
 in Favour
 at *Rome*.

THE Cardinal *de' Medici*, who till now
 had kept himself retired at *Florence* for
 fear of a Persecution from his many Ad-
 versaries, and especially from the Cardi-
 nal of *Volterra* who seemed to have had
 a great Sway with the Pope, taking Cou-
 rage at this change of Measures, came to
Rome, and was received with particular
 Marks of Respect by the greatest Part of
 the Court. He began immediately to
 confer with the Duke of *Sessa*, the Im-
 perial Minister, and the *English* Ambas-
 sadors, and all jointly solicited his Holi-
 ness to favour the Cause of *Cæsar*. *Vol-*
terra's bad Fortune at this Time, getting
 as usual the better of his Prudence and of
 all his Artifices, greatly injured his Af-
 fairs, put his Person in Danger, and at the
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same Time gave an Opportunity to Cardinal *de' Medici* to encrease his Favour and Authority with his Holiness, who had hitherto shewn a great Partiality for *Volterra*, because with great Dexterity, solid Reasons and fine Speeches, he had made him believe he had greatly at Heart the Peace amongst Christian Princes.

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BUT when *Francesco Imperiali* after his Banishment on his Way to *France*, by means of the Duke of *Sessa*, was stopped at *Castelnuovo*, in the Neighbourhood of *Rome*, in searching his Papers some Letters were found written by *Volterra* to the Bishop of *Sens* his Nephew, exhorting him to press the King of *France* to invade *Sicily* with a Fleet; which obliging *Cæsar* to attend to its Defence, would render more easy the Recovery of the Dutchy of *Milan*. The Pope was amazed at this Discovery, and thinking he had been grossly deceived, and at the same Time being vehemently solicited by the Duke of *Sessa*, and Cardinal *de' Medici*, he sent for *Volterra*, confined him in *Castel Sant Angelo*, and gave Orders to have

A. D. have him tried as a Delinquent against the
 1523. Pontifical Majesty, for inviting the King
 of *France* to forcibly attack *Sicily*, a Fief
 of the Holy See. The Proceſs however
 was carried on but ſlowly, and after
 he had been examined, was allowed
 Council to plead : But the ſame Mode-
 ration was not practiſed in regard to his
 Effects, for the Day he was arreſted
Adrian ſeized on all the Goods and Mo-
 ney in his Houſe. By means of the Car-
 dinal's Imprifonment a Plot alſo was diſ-
 covered of ſome *Sicilians* in favour of
France, for which Count *Camerata*, *Maef-
 tro Portulano*, and the Treafurer of the
 Iſland were quartered.

THIS Proceeding had greatly incenſed
Adrian againſt the King, and after con-
 ſulting for ſeveral Days the Cardinal *de'
 Medici*, at laſt the Rumour continually
 increaſing of his Majesty's Deſigns, he came
 to a Reſolution of oppoſing him, and
 in a Conſiſtory, after expatiating on the im-
 minent Danger of Chriſtendom from the
Grand Turk, on account of the King of
France's Obſtinacy in refuſing to come
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into the Truce in Agitation, which would ^{A. D.} have removed all Apprehensions, it was he ^{1523.} said, the Business of the Vicars of CHRIST, Successors of the Prince of the Apostles, to be anxious for the Preservation of the Peace amongst the Faithful, and therefore his Zeal for the public Welfare, obliged him to join those who laboured to prevent Disturbances in *Italy*; because on that depended the Peace of the whole World. Conformable to the Intent of this Harangue, on the Third Day of *August*, the Vice King of *Naples* being come to *Rome* for that Purpose, a League and Confederacy was signed between the Pope, the Emperor, the King of *England*, the Archduke, the Duke of *Milan*, the Cardinal *de' Medici* with the *Florentines* and the *Genoese*, for the Defence of *Italy*, to last during the Life of the Confederates, and a Year after any one of their Deaths, and Room was left for any Prince to accede, provided it were with the Approbation of the Pope, *Cæsar*, the King of *England*, and the Archduke, and should give Security that he would prosecute his Pretensions by the Way

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A League
between
Adrian
and other
Powers
against
France.

A. D. of Justice and not by Force of Arms.

^{1523.} That for the Defence of any of the Confederates who might be attacked in *Italy* an Army should be raised; that the Pope, should furnish Two Hundred Men at Arms, *Cæsar* Eight Hundred, the *Florentines* Two Hundred, the Duke of *Milan* Two Hundred, and also Two Hundred Light Horse. That the Pope, *Cæsar*, and the Duke of *Milan* should provide the Artillery and Ammunition, and be at all the Charges attending them. That for the Maintainance of the Foot and other Expences of the Army, the Pope, the Duke of *Milan*, and the *Florentines* should contribute each Twenty Thousand Ducats *per* Month, the Emperor Thirty Thousand, the States of *Genoa*, *Siena*, and *Lucca* Ten Thousand between them. The *Genoese* besides were to pay the Cost of their Marine, and for what Troops were necessary to defend their own Dominions. That every one's Quota should be paid for Three Months certain, and as long after as the Pope, jointly with the Emperor and the King of *England*, should declare it necessary. That
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the Pope and *Cæſar* ſhould have the Nomination of a Captain General; and the Vice King of *Naples* was expected to be the Man, eſpecially as he was propoſed by the Cardinal *de' Medici*, who was in great Repute with the Emperor, and bore a great Malice againſt *Proſpero Colonna*. The Marquis of *Mantoua* was but indirectly admitted into this Confederacy, becauſe the Pope and *Florentines*, had conſtituted him their General at their own Charge.

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BUT neither the League which the *Venetians* had made with the Emperor, nor the Union of ſo many Potentates contracted with ſuch vaſt Proviſions were able to cool the Ardor of the King of *France*, who, lately arrived at *Lions*, was bent on paſſing into *Italy* with a numerous Army, where the very Rumour of his Coming had begun to excite new Tumults.

Lione, Brother to *Alberto Pio*, recovered by Surpriſe the Town of *Carpi*, which was negligently guarded by *Giovanni Coſcia*, who had been placed there by *Proſpero Colonna*, to whom the Empe-

Lione

takes

Carpi.

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Bonifacio
Visconti
attempts
to murder
the Duke
of *Milan*.

BUT a greater Accident had like to have happened in the Dutchy of *Milan*; for as *Francesco Sforza* was riding on a Mule from *Monza* to *Milan*, his Horse-guards following at a Distance that he might be less annoyed with the Dust raised by the Horses, which is very troublesome in the Plains of *Lombardy* during the Summer; *Bonifacio Visconti*, a young Man more regarded for the Name of his Family than for his Riches, Honours, or other good Qualities, being near him mounted on a mettlesome *Turkish* Horse, when he came to a Place where Four Roads meet, giving his Horse a sudden Jerk struck at the Duke's Head with a Dagger: But not being able to keep his fiery Horse steady, and the Mule starting at the same Time he missed of his Aim, and *Bonifacio* being much the taller and on a larger Beast, the Dagger directed to the Head grazed on the Back. *Bonifacio* then drawing his Sword made another Stroke,

Stroke, but that also grazing only with *A. D.* the Edge of the Blade on his Side, he ^{1523.} received no Hurt. By this Time the Duke's Retinue coming up, *Visconti* rode away, and tho' pursued by the Guards, by the goodness of his Steed got safe into *Piedmont*. What induced him to perpetrate so wicked a Fact, was that a few Months before *Monfignorino Visconti* was assassinated in *Milan* by *Girolamo Morone*, and, as was said, at the Duke's Instigation: If Fortune had rewarded this cunning and bold Attempt, we must have beheld an Example which has very rarely or never before happened, that on the public Road at Noon Day, so great a Prince, attended by so numerous and armed a Guard, in the Midst of his Dominions, should fall by the Hands of a single Man, and that the Assassin should make his Escape. * The Duke thus wound-

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* *Visconti* owed the Duke a Grudge for being broke at the Siege of the Castle of *Milan*, and afterwards for being refused the Government of a Town; and lastly for the Death of *Aslarre Visconti* here called *Monfignorino*, who was his Uncle.

A. D. cd returned to *Monza*, being fully persuaded that there was some Plot carrying on against him at *Milan*; *Prospero*, and *Morone* entertained the same Suspicion, and instantly sent to apprehend *Visconti's* Brother the Bishop of *Alessandria*, who, without any Resistance, trusting to *Prospero's* Honour, delivered himself up to him, and after Examination was committed to the Castle of *Cremona*. But the Opinions of the Public were various as to his being conscious or not of the Fact.

Valenza
taken by
Birago.

ABOUT this very Time *Galeazzo Birago* with other *Milanese* Exiles, assisted by some *French* Soldiers that were in *Piedmont*, was admitted into *Valenza*, through the Treachery of the Governor, a *Savoyard*, but *Antonio da Leva*, taking with him some light Horse and the *Spanish* Foot that were in *Asti*, instantly laid Siege to the Town, which being in a weak Condition, and the Enemy not having had Time to fortify it, after planting the Artillery he reduced in two Days, and had the same Success with the Castle, having killed

and retaken
by *Leva*.

killed in the Two Assaults above Four *A. D.*
 Hundred Men, and taken many Prisoners, ^{1523:}
 amongst the rest *Birago* the Author of
 these Disturbances.

THE *French* Army all this While *Bourbon's*
 was passing the *Alps*, and was to be ^{Plot.}
 followed by the King, who was pre-
 vented by the Discovery of a Plot formed
 by the Duke of *Bourbon*; who for his
 Nobility, being of the Blood Royal, for
 his vast Estate, for the Dignity of his
 Office of Great Constable, and for the
 universal Fame of his Valour, was the
 first and most regarded Personage in the
 Kingdom of *France*: He had been out
 of the Royal Favour for some Years,
 and on that account was not let into
 the Secrets of the Cabinet, nor trusted
 in those Posts to which his Dignity
 seemed to intitle him. To this was
 added, that the King's Mother, on some
 old Claims, solicited the Parliament of
Paris to decree away his Estate in her
 Favour. The Duke finding he could
 obtain no Redress from the King, full
 of Resentment, by the Means of *Bu-*

A. D. ^{1523.} *ren* the Emperor's Confident, and Great Chamberlain, had entered very secretly into a Confederacy, a few Months before, with *Cæsar* and the King of *England*, and to consolidate this Alliance *Cæsar* agreed to give him in Matrimony, his Sister *Eleonora*, the Widow of *Emanuel* King of *Portugal*. The Execution of the Plot depended on the King's going in Person to the War, which was artfully promoted by the King of *England*, who made him believe that he might rest secure of his not molesting the Kingdom of *France* that year; as soon as *Francis* had passed the Mountains, *Bourbon* was to enter *Burgundy* with Twelve Thousand Foot, who, with *German* and *English* Money, were already secretly inlisting. *Bourbon* was confident that, when once the King was absent from the Kingdom, he should accomplish his Ends. Of the Conquests that he should make in *France*, he was to keep for himself, *Provence*, which he claimed thro' the Rights of the *Anjouins*, and it was to be created into a Kingdom in his Favour; all the rest of the conquered Places

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Places were to remain to the King, of *A. D.*
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THE Duke in order to excuse his not attending his Majesty into *Italy*, stopped at *Moulins*, where he feigned himself sick; the King, in passing thro' that Town in his Way to *Lions*, having received some blind Intimation of this Plot, frankly told the Duke, that some People had endeavoured to render his Conduct suspicious, but that he could rest secure on his experienced Virtues and Loyalty. The Duke returned most humble Thanks to his Majesty for treating him with so much Freedom and Confidence, then thanking God for giving him a King incapable of being prepossessed by idle Stories and false Calumnies, promised that as soon as his Health would permit, which, from the Slightness of the Indisposition he had Reason to think might be in a few Days, he should follow him to *Lions*, and accompany him wherever he went.

BUT

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The Plot
discovered

BUT the King was no sooner arrived at *Lions*, than he received Intelligence that, on the Frontiers of *Burgundy*, there were assembling a Number of *German* Foot, which, adding to his former Suspicions, and some intercepted Letters making a clearer Discovery, he ordered *San Valerio*, *Boiss*, the Brothers of *Palisse*, the Master of the Posts, and the Bishop of *Autun* to be apprehended as Accomplices, and the Grand Master was sent with Four Hundred Horse and Four Thousand Foot to *Moulins* to secure the Duke of *Bourbon*, but was too late, for *Bourbon* suspecting a Discovery, and fearing the Passes might be guarded, had, in a disguised Habit, got into *Franche Compté*.

Bonivette
goes into
Italy with
the Army.

THIS important Discovery put off the King's Journey into *Italy*, but did not however prevent him, after retaining part of the Forces designed for the new War, from sending thither *Bonivette* the Admiral of *France*, at the Head of Eighteen Hundred Lances, Six Thousand
Swiss,

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Swiss, Two Thousand *Gascons*, Two A. D. 1523. Thousand *Valeffe*, Six Thousand *Ger-*
mans, Twelve Thousand *French*, and
 Three Thousand *Italians*, who passing
 the Mountains with this Army, after
 approaching the State of *Milan*, made
 a Feint as if he intended to march to
Novara, and as that City was unprovided
 with Men, and had no Out-works, the
 Duke of *Milan* sent Orders to surren- Novara
 der the Town, but not the Castle. *Vi-* surrenders
gevano for the same Reason acted in the and Vig-
 same manner, so that all the Country be- vano.
 yond the *Tesino* came into the Possession
 of the *French*.

PROSPERO COLONNA, who was la-
 bouring under a tedious Infirmary, did not
 imagine that, after the *Venetians* had en-
 tered into a Confederacy against the King
 of *France*, and *Bourbon's* Plot had been
 discovered, *Francis* would persist in his
 Resolution of assaulting the Dutchy of
Milan this Year ; and on this Supposi-
 tion he had not proceeded with proper
 Diligence in getting together his Men,
 who were dispersed in several Places, nor
 had

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1523. had he made any other necessary Preparations against such an Invasion. But now on the approach of the Enemy he earnestly attended to assemble his Troops in order to dispute the passage of the *Tesino*, forgetful of what had happened to himself, when on a like Occasion he had endeavoured to prevent *Lautrech* from crossing the *Adda*; and thought he was so sure of Success, that he took no Care to repair the Bastions and Fences of the Suburbs of *Milan*, which having been totally neglected were in a ruinous Condition. He drew together his whole Force on the Ground which lies on the River between *Biagrassa*, *Bufaloro*, and *Turbico*, a Situation convenient for the Defence of *Pavia* and *Milan*. But the *French* who were at *Vigevano* found the Waters much lower than *Prospero* expected, and at Four Miles Distance began to pass the River, part of them waded, whilst others crossed in small Boats; they laid also a Bridge for the Conveniency of the Artillery, at a Place where they met with no Guard nor Obstacle. On this unforeseen Accident *Prospero* being obliged
to

to alter his whole System, sent immediately *Antonio da Leva* with One Hundred Men at Arms, and Three Thousand Foot to defend *Pavia*, and with the Remainder of the Army retired himself to *Milan*, where in a Council of War it was unanimously allowed that *Milan* was not tenable if the *French* without Delay directed thither their March, because the Bastions and Fortifications of the Suburbs, having been neglected ever since the last War, lay mostly in ruins. That the Confidence with which *Prospero* had undertaken to defend the Passage of the *Tesino*, had been the Occasion that the necessary Reparations had been neglected, and that it would take up Three Days Time to put the Fortifications in a State of Defence. That they ought to take this whole Affair into their Consideration and then immediately set about the Reparations, but at the same Time, lest the *French* should come upon them the First, Second, or Third Day, he prepared to retire to *Como*, if they marched by the Way of *Pavia*, or to *Pavia* if they came by *Como*.

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Antonio da Leva at *Pavia*.*Prospero* retires to *Milan*.

BUT

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The
French
lose the
Opportu-
nity of
taking
Milan.

BUT the evil Genius of the *French*, darkening as usual their Intellects, would not permit them the Profit of so fine an Opportunity ; for either out of Negligence, or waiting till the whole Army was assembled (for a great Part was not yet come up) they continued Three days on the *Tesino*, and then joining together all their Forces between *Milan*, *Pavia*, and *Binasco*, marched to *San Cristofaro* a place situated but a Mile from *Milan*, between the *Roman* and *Tesin* Gates. The Pioneers having cleared the Way they planted the Artillery in their Front, making believe they were moving to assault *Milan*, but without making any further Attempt, they pitched their Camp in that Place, and after a few Days removed it to the Abbey of *Chiaravalle*, where they destroyed the Mills and cut the Pipes that supplied *Milan* with Water, proposing to themselves a Siege rather than an Assault ; for besides the vast Number of People who had taken up Arms with a settled Aver- sion to the Name of the King of *France*, there were in *Milan* Eight Hundred Men
at

at Arms, Eight Hundred Light Horse, *A. D.*
 Four Thousand *Spanish* Foot, Six Thou- ^{1523.}
 sand Five Hundred *Germans*, and Three
 Thousand *Italians*.

IN the Midst of these Broils died Pope ^{Death of}
Adrian on the 14th Day of *September*, to ^{*Adrian.*}
 the no small Detriment of the Confede-
 rates, who were deprived not only of the
 Pontifical Authority, but also of the Sub-
 sidies for which, by the Articles of the
 Treaty, he was engaged. He left behind
 him no great Esteem of his Abilities, ei-
 ther because his Reign was short, or that
 he had little Experience in Affairs; his
 Death was no way displeasing to the Cour-
 tiers, who wished to see the Papal Chair
 filled with an *Italian*, at least with a Per-
 son educated in their Country. *Adrian's*
 Death caused some Disturbances in the
 ecclesiastic State, where, during his Life,
 some Sparks were discovered which
 prognosticated a future Combustion, and
 would then have dilated themselves if,
 partly by Accident and partly by Care,
 they had not been prevented.

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Alberto Pio Governor of *Reggio* and *Rubiera*.

The Historian Governor of *Modena* and *Reggio*.

THE College of Cardinals before the Pope's Arrival into *Italy*, had committed the Care of *Reggio* and *Rubiera* to *Alberto Pio*, who under divers Pretences and Excuses continued to keep Possession of their Castles, having taken Occasion of *Adrian's* little Experience, to despise his Orders. He had also agreed that, as soon as War broke out, *Renzo da Ceri* with a Party of Horse and a good Body of Foot should quarter at *Rubiera*, and from thence make Excursions, when Opportunity offered, on the *Roman* Road between *Modena* and *Reggio* in order to intercept the Money and Dispatches which should be transmitted to *Milan* from *Naples*, *Rome*, and *Florence*, and be at hand for undertaking any Thing of Importance when Occasion offered. But *Francesco Guicciardini* the Governor of those Towns, having in Time dived into the Design, had made *Adrian* sensible of the End for which *Alberto* accompanied his Requests with such smooth Speeches, and of the Dangers to which the ecclesiastic State on that Side would be exposed.

posed, obtained that the Pope, enraged at *Alberto's* Proceedings, by Threats of using Force obliged him to restore the Castles, for the Affairs of the *French* were not in such Forwardness as to enable him to make a Resistance. But those of the Family of the *Pii* having afterwards got Possession of *Carpi*, *Prospero Colonna* in order to recover it, was the Cause that *Guido Rangone* was taken into the Pay of the Confederates with One Hundred Men at Arms, One Hundred Light Horse, and One Thousand Foot, and that the Duke of *Sessa*, who had enlisted One Thousand *Spaniards* at *Rome*, which were to join the rest at *Milan*, was ordered to stop with them at *Modena*.

IN the mean Time *Renzo da Ceri*, whose Fame together with Hopes of Plunder had drawn about him great Numbers of Horse and Foot, began to make Excursions, and infest the whole Country, and unexpectedly one Night, after the Pope's Death, attempted with Two Thousand Men to take *Rubiera*, but the Gar-

A. D. 1523. rison behaving gallantly, he found that Place was not to be easily taken by Storm, *Tristano*, a *Corfican*, one of his Captains of Foot, was made a Prisoner in the Assault. *Renzo's* Troops assembled afterwards on several Occasions in these Parts, and were the Cause of Undertakings of greater Moment, for after the Pope's Death the Duke of *Ferrara*, tired with vain Promises, so often made him of the Restoration of his Towns, and finding that by the Absolution he had procured from *Adrian*, it was less difficult to obtain a Pardon for what he had forcibly taken, than a Restoration of what he had lost, and having fully persuaded himself of what was the universal Belief, that on account of the Dissentions which since *Leo's* Death, had been ever encreased among the Cardinals, the Election of a new Pope would be carried to a great Length, he determined to attend to the Recovery of *Reggio* and *Modena*. Amongst the many Opportunities for accomplishing his Scheme, was offered that of conveniently joining with *Renzo da Ceri*, who had already

already got together Two Hundred Horse, ^{A. D.} and above Two Thousand Foot, ^{1523.} he therefore enlisted Three Thousand Men, and after sending Ten Thousand Ducats to *Renzo*, marched towards *Modena*, which had no other Garrison than Count *Gajazzo* and his Troops, which had been hired by the Confederates. Tho' the Inhabitants of *Modena* detested the Government of the Family *d' Este*, yet as the Walls were weak, and built after the old Fashion without Bastions, the Ditches filled up, and no Sort of Reparations had been made for a long time, there seemed a Necessity for a larger Garrison, wherefore the Governor and the Count, after composing the Differences which had for some Time subsisted between them, unanimously persuaded the *Spanish* Foot (which after entering *Tuscany*, came on but slowly, and had hitherto given them various and ambiguous Answers whether they would stop at *Modena* or proceed forwards) and at last after many Entreaties prevailed on them to enter the Town. The Duke of *Ferrara*, who was arrived at *Finale* with Two Hundred Men at Arms,

A. D. Four Hundred Light Horse and
^{1523.} Three Thousand Foot, being apprised
of the Introduction of the *Spaniards*,
was inclined to proceed no farther,
but as he had no Certainty of the Fact,
and hoping at least that he might
by his Conjunction with *Renzo* obtain
Reggio, and not despairing also but that
some Disorder might arise amongst the
Enemies Infantry on account of their
Arrears, he resolved to advance. Nor did
he entertain such Hopes on light Grounds,
for the College of Cardinals, who by the
Governor had been apprised of his immi-
nent Danger, made no Sort of Provision,
nor indeed returned any Answer to his
Letters and Expresses, and it was not in his
Power to content the Soldiers with the
public Money, for the Day was come in
which the second Month's Pay was due
to the *Spaniards*, and had he been able to
raise the Money he could have no Hopes
of enlisting more Men, and by dividing
the Soldiers between *Modena* and *Reggio*
neither of these Towns would be safe,
for *Reggio* had no Garrison, and the
Dispo-

Disposition of the People was quite different from that of the *Modenese*. A. D.
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IN this Perplexity the Governor and Count *Guido*, after judging it was more prudent to preserve *Modena* as a Town of greater Importance for its Vicinity to *Bologna*, more united to the ecclesiastic State, and which lay more convenient for receiving Succours and Provisions, sent Five Hundred Men to *Reggio* under *Vincenzo Maiatto* of *Bologna*, an Officer of Count *Guido*, with Orders to retire into the Citadel if the Town could not be preserved, as they had some Hopes it might, at least for some Days; they sent also some Money to the Governor *Giovan Battista Smeraldo*, of *Parma*, to enable him to get together Three Hundred Men, and they tried but in vain to prevail on the Community of *Reggio* to contribute a Sum for raising more Men, as they were necessary not only for the Defence of the ecclesiastic State but also for their own Security.

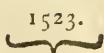
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Guicciar-
dini'sSpeech to
the *Mode-
nese*.

WHEN the Governor of *Modena* found that without Money he could not well preserve the Town, he assembled a good Number of the Citizens and acquainted them, that Affairs were reduced to such a Crisis, that since for want of Money the *Spanish* Foot could not be paid, nor other Necessaries provided, the Town must of course come into the Hands of the Duke of *Ferrara* which otherwise might defend itself. That there was no Method of guarding against this Calamity, if they themselves did not take upon them to prevent the present Danger, for he was well assured, that the new Pope, or the College of Cardinals would for the future effectually provide for their Defence. He said there was not one present who had not experienced both the Government of the Duke and that of the Church, and therefore it would be Time lost to make use of Arguments and Reasonings to convince them of what they allowed. He only begged they would not make any Difficulty of lending him the Sum
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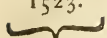
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he now required, which was but a *A. D.* ⁷¹
trifle both to each Particular, and to the ^{1523.} 
Public, in comparison to the Change of
a Government under which they were
happy.

THIS Speech being agreeable to the
Audience, who were of the same Senti-
ments, they raised that very Day Five
Hundred Ducats by a Tax laid on
themselves, with which the *Spaniards*
being paid, and other Necessaries pro-
cured, they were in no farther Danger
from the Duke of *Ferrara*, who not lay-
ing a greater Stress on his Forces than
they deserved, leaving *Modena* on his left,
and joining *Renzo* in his Way, proceeded
to *Reggio*, where he was received without
Difficulty, and the next Day the Governor
of the Citadel surrendered a little after
the Cannon had began firing, alledging for
his Excuse that *Majatto* whom he had
sent for had refused to come to his As-
sistance, and that the Money sent him by
the Governor of *Modena*, had been seized
near *Parma* where he was recruiting.

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As soon as the Duke had got Possession of *Reggio*, the Admiral recalled *Renzo da Ceri* which greatly lessened the Duke's Forces, who however after lying some Days along the *Secchia* undertook the Siege of *Rubiera*, where the Count *Guido* had placed old *da Coviano* with Two Hundred Foot. The Duke had small Hopes of Success, for the Place tho' small, had strong Fortifications, the Ditches being deep and wide, and the Walls were surrounded by Ramparts of Earth, yet the next Day, as soon as the Artillery began to play against a Part of the Wall contiguous to the Gate, the Governor, either because he had so secretly agreed, or else intimidated because his Men began to be tumultous, jumped down from the Walls and presented himself to the Duke, to whom he made a tender of himself and of the Town. The Duke entered the Place, and had no sooner planted the Cannon against the Castle than the Commander whose Name was *Tito Tagliaferro*, a *Parmesan*, was so terrified, that notwithstanding it was sufficiently

sufficiently provided with Men, Artillery and all Neccessaries, he surrendered without standing a single Shot. The Duke then put his Army into Quarters in Hopes that, on account of a long Vacancy of the *Roman See*, the Troops in *Modena* would disband, as also because he had farther Expectations, as will be after related.

IN the mean Time *Bonivette*, who was encamped at *San Cristofano* in a Place surrounded by Waters and Ditches between the *Tesin* and *Roman* Gates, despairing of making himself Master of *Milan*, after taking of *Monza* had sent *Monf. Bayarde* and *Federigo da Bozzole* with Three Hundred Lances and Eight Thousand Foot to *Lodi*, where the Marquis of *Mantoua*, General of the Ecclesiastic and *Florentine* Forces, commanded, with Five Hundred Horse and the same Number of Foot; but the Marquis fearing his Person was in Danger, retired to *Ponte Vico*, and *Lodi* thus abandoned received the *French*. *Federigo* then laid a Bridge on the *Adda*, and crossing

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Cremona
besieged.

crossing with the same Forces, he went in Succour of the Castle of *Cremona*, where the famished Garrison not having any Knowledge of the Arrival of a *French* Army in *Italy*, the very same Day the Admiral was approaching *Milan*, had agreed to surrender, if not relieved by the 26th Day of *September*. *Federigo* advanced to the Castle without Opposition, and after supplying it with Victuals and all Necessaries resolved to lay Siege to the Town, to which he was encouraged by the smallness of the Garrison left there by *Prospero*; but the Marquis of *Mantoua* out of Fear of what might happen, had sent thither One Hundred Men at Arms, One Hundred Light Horse, and Four Hundred Foot. *Federigo* finding he could not enter *Cremona* on the Side of the Castle on account of the strong Fortifications erected between the Castle and the Town, turned to the Right, in order to make an attack where the Wall was weakest. After opening a Breach he gave the Assault but was repulsed; then widening the Breach he entered on a second Attack, but meeting

ing with the same ill Success, he retired to *San Martino* in order to wait for *Renzo da Ceri*, who was moved from the *Reggian* with Two Hundred Horse and Two Thousand Foot. On his Arrival they returned to the Walls which were battered with as great Success as could be wished, but being afterwards incommoded with vast Rains, and finding they could not, without great Hazard, obtain their Intent, they made no farther Attempt. *Mercurio* at the same Time, with the light Horse of the *Venetians*, whose Troops were assembling at *Ponte Vico*, passing the *Oglio*, made Excursions up to their very Entrenchments. After these vain Attempts finding themselves streightned in Provisions, and *Renzo's* Men deserting, because they had received no other Money than what had been sent their Leader, quitting *Cremona*, they went and laid Siege to *Sonzino*, but with the same ill Success. They afterwards plundered *Carravaggio*, where they rested some Days; which furnished a Cause or Pretence to the *Venetians* for not sending

to

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1523.

Carravaggio
put to the
Sack.

A. D. to *Milan* their Supplies according to Engage-
 1523. ment, for they gave in Excuse for their Slowness in collecting their Army, the Notion which prevailed amongst the *German* Officers, that on account of their Separation from *France*, the *French* would not pass that Year into *Italy*, and that they had promised to be in Readiness only when the Troops in the *Cremonese* should have repassed the River *Adda*.

WHILST Affairs continued in this Situation each party mistrusting its Ability of putting a speedy End to the War, neither would venture on any Enterprize that might endanger the whole. The Admiral gave himself little concern in carrying on the Siege of *Milan*, being persuaded that the Enemy would either disband for want of Money, or quit *Milan* for want of Victuals, for tho' that City was supplied with a great Quantity of Wheat, yet in so populous a Town the Mouths were innumerable, and as the Admiral had cut off the Waters to prevent the working of the Mills, they found great Difficulties

ficulties in grinding their Corn *. On *A. D.*
 these Considerations he recalled the Troops ^{1523.}
 in the *Gbiaradadda*, and posted them
 between *Modena* and *Milan*, so as to
 prevent any Provisions coming by the
 Way of the Mountain of *Brionza*, having
 already taken Care to prevent their Ac-
 cess by the usual way of *Lodi* and *Pa-*
via. But all this, as will appear, was
 not sufficient for his obtaining the de-
 sired Effect.

PROSPERO COLONNA labouring under
 a grievous Infirmary, was no less uneasy
 in his Mind, under Expectation of the
 Vice-king, not brooking to be the Se-
 cond in Command, wherefore desirous
 of exerting himself, he ordered that all
 Diligence might be used to cut off the
 Convoys of Provisions which came to
 the Enemy from the other Side of the
Tesino, since by the Strength of their
 Entrenchments, it was not practicable
 to drive them away by Force of Arms:
 And

* The Want of Bread was so great that One Hundred
 Thousand of the Inhabitants had not a Morsel of Bread
 for Eight Days, whilst the new Mills were building.

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And for this Purpose he proposed that the Marquis of *Mantoua* should enter *Pavia*; which rendering the Bridge of the *French* unsecure, they laid another at *Torligo* Twenty-five Miles distant from *Pavia*. *Vitelli* also earnestly solicited that his Regiment of *Florentine* Men at Arms which, at the Commencement of the War, had been sent to *Genoa*, and afterwards in Conjunction with Three Thousand Troops in the Pay of the *Genoese* had reduced, excepting *Alessandria*, all the Country on the other Side the *Po*, might pass the River, and intercept those Provisions which came to the *French* Camp by way of the *Lomellina*. But the Doge of *Genoa* would not consent, because he was himself in Fear of the Stratagem of *Fregoso* who was in *Alessandria*, and because the *Venetians*, whose Troops had passed the *Adda*, refused to cross the *Oglio* whilst that Body of *French* that had quitted *Caravaggio* continued near *Monza* for fear of endangering *Bergamo*. At *Prospero's* Desire, Four Hundred Light Horse and Five Hundred Foot were sent to *Trezzo*,
in

in order to oblige the *French* to quit that Neighbourhood, by cutting off their Pro-
visions. A. D. 1523.

WHILST both Parties were thus employed no other military Actions were performed than light Skirmishes, Plunderings and Excursions, mostly to the Disadvantage, and sometimes to the considerable Loss of the *French*, as for Instance, when *Gio de' Medici* went out to escort the Provisions which were coming from *Trezzo* to *Milan*, with Two Hundred Men at Arms, One Hundred Light Horse, and One Thousand Foot, meeting with Eighty *French* Men at Arms, mostly belonging to *Bernabo Visconti*, first seemed to pursue them, then artfully retiring drew them into an Ambush where he had placed Five Hundred Men with Fire Arms, who without much difficulty routed them, and killed or took the greatest Part. In another Encounter likewise *Zuccherò Borgognone* broke Sixty Men at Arms of the Grand Ecuyer's Regiment. The *Spaniards* also often attacked and destroyed a good Number of the *French*

A. D. ^{1523.} *French* who guarded the Trenches where the Pioneers were at work in cutting Trenches under Cover of the Ramparts, and *Pagolo Luzzasco* who was in *Pizzichitone* with Fifty Horse, making Excursions all over the Country, greatly annoyed those who were in *Cremona*.

NEITHER had the Admiral any better Success in his secret Negotiations; He had privately agreed with one *Morgante* of *Parma*, a chief Officer of *Giovanni de' Medici's* Regiment, *Giannicolo de Lanzi*, and Four others, being only let into the Secret, that when he should be appointed to guard the Bastion which had a Wicket beyond the Outworks, he should introduce the *French*. On the Night the Plot was to be executed, *Morgante* imagining he had Occasion for more Confederates, discovered it to another of his Acquaintance, who seeming to approve of the Scheme, advised him to go and in *Prospero's* Name order the Centinels not to stir if they should hear any Noise, that they might not

be prevented from molesting the Person *A. D.*
 whom he should send to the Enemy's ^{1523.}
 Camp to inform them of his being in
 Readiness for their Reception. The
 Admiral had ordered One Thousand
 Foot that very Night to approach the
 Bastion, that they might be prepared to
 advance as soon as the Signal was given
 and the whole Army to be under
 Arms. But whilst *Morgante* was gone
 to give his Order, the other flew to
Giovanni de' Medici, and discovered the
 whole Affair, and then seized on the
 Conspirators who, according to military
 Justice, were executed, by passing thro'
 the Pikes.

BUT the Affairs of the *French* now
 in all Parts, seemed to decline, for the
 Fertility of the Country about *Milan*, to-
 gether with the new Mills which the
 Besieged had erected within, lessened
 every Day, their Hopes of reducing the
 Town by Famine, and it was computed
 that in the many Skirmishes in the
 Neighbourhood of *Milan*, what with killed
 and disabled they had lost Fifteen Hun-
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A. D. 1523. dred Horſe, and were become ſo fearful, that they durſt not ſtir out of their Entrenchments, unleſs when they were under a Neceſſity to ſend out Eſcorts to their Proviſions or Forage ; and then they iſſued forth in great Bodies, but the Admiral made a Merit of this Diſgrace, and was heard to ſay that he did not conduct the War like the hot-headed *French* Commanders, but had learned from the *Italians* how to act with Maturity and Moderation, yet whenever his Horſe or Foot met the Enemy they ſhewed a greater Propenſity to run away than to fight.

THE Imperial Officers being thus freed from the Fear of the Enemy, and of ſtarving, and on the contrary in Hopes of rendering difficult the Proviſions of the *French*, were now under no other Uneaſineſſes than that of the Want of Money, without which they could hardly provide for the Suſtenance of thoſe in *Milan*, and it would be almoſt impoſſible to eſcort them out of the Town, if the Occaſions of the War required

required it. To obviate this Difficulty ^{A. D. 1523.} amongst other Ways and Means, *Prospero* with the secret Consent of the Vice-king and Duke of *Sessa*, had soon after the Pope's Death began to treat with the Duke of *Ferrara*, (who had often refused the Offers made him by the Admiral for marching his Troops to assist the Siege of *Cremona* after he had taken *Reggio*) and he agreed with *Prospero* that as soon as he should be put in Possession of *Modena* through his Means, to pay him immediately Thirty Thousand Ducats, and Twenty Thousand more in Two Months. The Affair seemed easy, for as soon as *Prospero* should send his Orders to Count *Guido Rangoni*, who was in the Service of the League, and to the *Spanish* Foot to quit *Modena*, the Inhabitants thus abandoned would submit to the Duke. *Prospero* was induced to take this bold Resolution not only with a View to the public Good, but to gratify also his private Friendship with *Alfonso d'Este*, and weaken the papal grandeur, which was a common Desire of all the *Roman* Barons, that when *Modena* and

A. D. *Reggio* were separated from the Church
 1523. the Duke of *Milan* might, with greater
 Ease, get Possession of *Parma* and *Pia-*
cenza.

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Guicciar-
dini.

THIS Negotiation, tho' carried on with great Secrecy, came to the Knowledge of Count *Rangoni* who communicated it to *Guicciardini*. He saw immediately that the only Way to save the Town was to persuade the *Spanish* Commanders, who having been used well, and receiving a large Salary, were content with their Station, to pretend that they were not under *Prospero's* Authority till they had joined his Army, and therefore would not depart from *Modena*, till they received an express Order from the Duke of *Sessa*, who had sent them thither. The Governor was very sensible that this Treaty had not been carried on without the Knowledge of *Sessa*, yet as that Duke was the Imperial Ambassador at *Rome*, he thought that when the College of Cardinals made their Remonstrances he would not only be ashamed to give such Orders, but at their Requests would act quite the contrary.

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THE Governor's Project took Effect, A. D. 1523. and Things succeeded according to his Wishes, for Count *Guido* and the *Spaniards* on receiving *Prospero's* Orders to come to *Milan*, where their Presence was necessary, the Count gave several Reasons for not coming, as that he was neither a Subject of the Church nor a *Modenese*, and the *Spaniards* instructed by him and the Governor, made Answer, that they could not stir till they were commanded by the Duke of *Sessa*. After the Governor had informed the Cardinals of what had passed they sent for the Duke of *Sessa* to appear in the Conclave, where, not being willing to render himself, and consequently *Cæsar*, suspected, he would not deny but that he had sent his Orders to the *Spanish* Officers not to depart from *Modena*. This Discovery, as it often happens in human Affairs, produced Effects quite contrary to what had been imagined, for when certain Letters of *Prospero*, intercepted by the Governor, were produced in the College, by which the Progress of the whole Treaty was discovered, the Cardinals Adherents to *France*, by whose Opposition the

A. D. Continuation of the Supplies of Money
 1523. which by Means of the Cardinal *de' Medicis* had been begun to be sent to *Modena* was obstructed, now being of Opinion that the Success of the Plot would have been contrary to the Interest of their King, solicited themselves to have the Money sent to that City ; as did also Cardinal *Colonna*, that it might be thought he preferred the Advantage of the Apostolic See to any other Interest. These Measures deferred the Execution of *Alfonso d'Este's* Designs, but did not prevent the Continuation of *French* Negotiations. They imagined it might be so managed, that the Vice-king who, with slow Marches, was coming from *Naples* to *Milan*, with Four Hundred Lances, and Two Thousand Foot, in his Passage thro' *Modena*, might carry off the *Spaniards*.

By this Time in *Milan* there was no Want of Food, for the Admiral fearing the *Germans* in *Pavia* might destroy his Bridge on the *Tesino*, over which were brought all sorts of Provisions, detached Three Thousand Foot from the Army
 at

at *Monza* which was the smallest Body, ^{A. D.} and sent them to guard the Bridge, then ^{1523.} reinforcing his own with another Part of that Army, he distributed the rest in *Marignano* and *Biagrasa* near the Bridge whence the Imperialists, having Possession of *Monza*, were plentifully supplied with all Necessaries.

THE *French* Army was very strongly encamped, it consisted of Eight Hundred Light Horse, Six Thousand *Swiss*, ^{Description of the French Army.} Two Thousand *Italian* Foot, and Ten Thousand between *French* and *Gascons*, and extended from the Abbey of *Charavalle* as far as the Road to *Pavia*, and from thence for the Space of a Cannon Shot towards *Milan*; they had at the Bridge of the *Tesino* One Thousand *Germans*, and One Thousand *Italians*, and the same Number at *Biagrasa*, where *Renzo da Ceri* was placed. In *Novara* they had Two Hundred Lances, and Two Thousand Foot between *Alessandria* and *Lodi*.

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Forces in
Milan.

IN *Milan* there were Eight Hundred Lances, Eight Hundred Light Horse, Five Thousand *Spaniards*, Six Thousand *Germans*, and Four Thousand *Italian* Foot, besides the Multitude of armed Inhabitants, who in Heart and Hand were ready to encounter the *French*. The Marquis of *Mantoua* was in *Pavia* with Five Hundred Lances, Six Hundred Light Horse, Two Thousand *Spanish* Foot, and Three Thousand *Italians*; *Vitelli* at *Castel Nuovo* in the *Tortonese* with Three Thousand Foot, tho' a little after he retired to *Seravalle*, being apprehensive that a Body of *French* who were gone towards *Alessandria* might intercept his Return to *Genoa*. The *Venetians* had Six Hundred Men at Arms, Five Hundred Light Horse, and Five Thousand Foot, but of these last One Thousand were sent to *Milan* at the Request of *Prospero*, who prided himself on having it known that he was assisted by the *Venetians*, and a little after on some Suspicion of a Plot, another Body of them were sent to *Cremona*.

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THE Admiral at last pressed by the Difficulty in procuring Provisions, the extreme Coldness of the Season, the deep Snows, and the Grumbling of the *Swiss*, who protested they would bear no longer so many Inconveniencies, resolved to decamp from *Milan*, but before he made known this Resolution, at his Request *Galeazzo Visconti* asked Leave to make a Visit in *Milan* to *Madonna Ghiara*, who was no less famous for her extraordinary Beauty than for having entirely captivated the Heart of *Prospero Colonna*. As soon as *Galeazzo* entered *Milan* he made Proposals for a Truce, which were readily hearkened to, and the next Day near the Fortifications, *Alarcone*, *Pagolo Vettori* the *Florentine* Commissary, and *Girolamo Morone* had a Meeting with *Galeazzo Visconti*, and the General of *Normandy* on the Part of the Admiral, who proposed a Suspension of Arms for all the following Month of *May*, and to quarter their Army in the neighbouring Towns and Villages, and would at least have consented to reduce all their Forces beyond the *Tesino*. But the
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French
propose a
Truce.

A. D. German Officers, vexed that their Hopes of
 1523. Victory should be interrupted by a Truce,
 refused to agree to any Terms without the
 Approbation of the Vice-king, wherefore
 the Admiral two Days after, before Break of
 Day ordered the Artillery to be carried to
 the Banks of the *Tesino*, which, as soon as
 it was light, was followed by the whole
 Army, but in such Order, as to appear
 ready to fight if they were attacked.
 When the Retreat was discovered in the
 Town, not only the common Soldiers,
 and Citizens cried out loudly to be con-
 ducted to pursue them, but also the chief
 Officers, and those of the greater Autho-
 rity made the same Instances to *Prospero*
Colonna, laying before him the Facility
 of the Victory, for they reckoned themselves
 not inferior to the Enemy, and thought
 they should fight with much more Cou-
 rage; for a Retreat must of Necessity put a
 Damp on most of their Spirits, which in-
 deed was confirmed by several *Italians*
 who had just then deserted from them.
 They reminded him of the infinite Glory
 he would acquire, and how his Name
 would be perpetuated to the latest Posterity
 if

They re-
 treat from
Milan.

if he added to the Merit of his past Victories the Glory and Triumph which he ^{A. D. 1523.} had now in his Power to gain. But it was *Prospero's* stated Maxim to avoid as much as possible to put himself in the Power of Fortune, wherefore, as immovable as the most solid Fabric against all the Efforts of blowing Winds, he made Answer, that it did not become a wise General to regulate his Conduct by popular Clamours, or lead out his Men against an Army whose Preservation depended on a desperate Defence, that he had already conquered and acquired sufficient Glory, by obliging the Enemy to retire without Danger; or Effusion of Blood. That Men ought to limit their Desires, for any one might discern that, following their Counsel, if they miscarried the Loss would prove without Comparison much greater than the Advantage if they came off with Success. That by conducting himself with such Principles, he had always come off with Honour in whatever he undertook. That the Reproach of Rashness is more injurious

A. D. 1523. rious to Generals, than the Glory of a Victory is advantageous, for in the first Case the Blame falls solely and intirely on the General, whereas the Praise of Victory, at least, according to the Opinion of Mankind, is communicated amongst many. That now when he was so near his End he would not follow new Counsels, and abandon those which in the whole Course of his Life had procured him Glory, Profit, and Grandeur.

Negotiation concerning the Election of a new Pope.

THE *French* divided their Army in Two Bodies, the Admiral with the greatest Part stopped at *Bragrassa* and ordered the Remainder to *Rosa*, the first Place being distant Fourteen, the other Seven Miles from *Milan*. But a few Days after the Admiral was removed from *Milan*, a new Pope was created, after the Cardinals had been Fifty Days in the Conclave, which was opened with Thirty-six Cardinals, and Three others came in after. They wasted all this Time in making divers Conventions, being divided into Parties, not only on account of their dif-

different Attachments to *Cæsar* and the *A. D.* King of *France*, but also on account of ^{1523.} the Grandeur of the Cardinal *de' Medici*, who, tho' opposed by all those who were in the *French* Interest, and by some of *Cæsar's* Adherents, yet had found Means to secure for himself the Votes of Sixteen Cardinals, who were determined to chuse him, or no other without his Consent. He had also the secret Promise of Five more which he procured by his own Interest, and was besides particularly distinguished by the Ambassador of *Cæsar* and all those who depended on his Authority. Tho' he had almost the same Interest at the Death of Pope *Leo*, yet he now entered the Conclave with a more firm Resolution, neither for Length of Time, or any other Accident to give up his Hopes, principally founded on the Necessity of a Concurrence of Two Thirds of the present Cardinals, in the Election of a Pontiff. Nor would he be removed from his Resolution by the common Danger of *Italy*, or the State of the Church in particular. As the Progress of the War varied, each Party endeavoured to protract the

A. D. ^{1523.} the Election, in Hopes that whoever got the Victory would bestow Favours on his Adherents. And the Election would have been carried on to a much greater Length if all those who were averse to Cardinal *de' Medici*, and who were mostly the oldest of the College, had been as united in the Choice of any other as they were in opposing him, and setting aside their private Views, had been only unanimous in excluding Cardinal *de' Medici*. Cardinal *Colonna* was a Man of a hasty and very proud Temper, and Cardinal *de' Medici's* bitter Enemy, but being dissatisfied with the Cardinals of his Party, because he could not prevail on them to chuse Cardinal *Jacovaccio* a *Roman* of his Faction, and who had a great Dependance on him, he went of his own Accord to Cardinal *de' Medici*, offering him all his Interest for his Election. *Medici* gave him instantly a Bond under his hand by which he engaged to make him Chancellor, which Post he then occupied himself, and make him a Present of his most sumptuous Palace, built by Cardinal *San Giorgio*, and given him by Pope *Leo*. *Colonna*,
overjoyed

overjoyed at these Concessions, brought ^{A. D.} over Cardinal *Cornaro* and Two more; ^{1523.} as soon as this Change was known several others, as usually happens in Conclaves, carried away by Meanness of Spirit or Ambition, strove not to be the last in offering their Service, by which means that very Night the Cardinal *de' Medici* was unanimously adored as Pontiff, and the next ^{Cardinal de' Medici created Pope.} Morning the 19th of *November*, was elected, according to Form, with the usual solemn Scrutiny, that Day Two Years on which he had entered triumphantly into *Milan*. It was believed that the vast Number of Benefices and ecclesiastical Posts of which he was in Possession facilitated his Election, for when the Cardinals came into the Conclave they unanimously signed a Convention, by which all the ecclesiastical Revenues of the Person elected, should be equally divided amongst the rest of the College. He intended to retain the Name of *Julius*, but being told by some Cardinals that it had been observed, that those who after their Election had not changed their Names, had died ^{and takes the Name of Clement VII} within the Year, he assumed the Name of *Clement*.

A. D. *Clement* VII. either because the Festival

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of that Saint was near, or alluding to his having after his Election forgiven and taken into Favour the Cardinal of *Volterra* with all his Adherents, notwithstanding that *Adrian*, when he was drawing near his End, had declared that Cardinal incapable of assisting at the Conclave, and tho' after he was admitted by the College, he had obstinately stood out to the very last against the Election of *Julius*.

It is certain that the new Pope was in the highest Reputation in all Parts, and the Delay made in his Election, greater than had been for a long time, seemed to be recompensed by the vast Authority and Worth of the Person who was seated in the Chair, because he united the Sovereign Power he had in *Florence*, to the extensive Power of the Church, because he had for so many Years under *Leo* exercised in a manner the whole Power of the Pontificate ; because he was reputed to be a Person of Gravity and firm to his Resolutions, and because several Actions which proceeded from *Leo*, being attributed

buted to him, every one pronounced him *A. D.*
to be a Person full of Ambition, of a ^{1523.}
great and turbulent Spirit, passionately desirous of Novelties, to which may be added that he was no ways addicted to Diversions, and as it was known that he had applied himself seriously to Business, every one expected very grand and extraordinary Atchievements. His Election at once restored absolute Security to the State of the Church, for the Duke of *Ferrara*, terrified at the Election of so resolute a Person, and giving over all Hopes of obtaining *Modena* by the coming of the Viceroy of *Naples*, and trusting still less to the *French* Messengers, who by Means of *Teodoro Trivulzi* came to make him vast Offers if he would enter into their Alliance, after leaving sufficient Garrisons in *Reggio* and *Rubiera*, returned to *Ferrara*. The Affairs in *Romagna* were also quieted, where *Giovanni da Sassatella*, who, in the Life of *Adrian*, had been driven away by the *Ghibellines*, since his Death, at the Head of a good Number of *Guelfs*, was

A. D. returned into that Country under the
 {^{1523.} Pretext of distressing the opposite Faction,
 but in reality by the Encouragement of
 the *French*.

BUT as soon as the *French* Army was disposed between *Biagrasa* and *Rosa*, the Admiral, retaining only Four thousand *Swiss*, disbanded the Troops of *Dauphine* and the *Languedoc* Foot as useless, and sent the heavy Artillery on the other Side the *Tesino*, determining to wait in his Camp for the Supplies that were getting ready in *France*, not being in the least apprehensive of being forced, and having Provisions in Plenty. But not to be idle he ordered *Renzo*, with Seven Thousand *Italians*, to besiege *Arona*, a strong Place on the Borders of the *Lago Maggiore*, in the Possession of *Anchise Visconti*; but *Prospero Colonna* sent a Succour of Twelve Hundred Foot to reinforce it. The Castle of *Arona* commands the Town, which, on that account, is of no Use to any one without the Castle. *Renzo* therefore laid Siege to the Castle, but after giving several Assaults to no Purpose, for almost a
 Month

Arona
 besieged

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Month together, with the Loss of many ^{A. D. 1523.} of his Men, he broke up the Siege, confirming the Opinion that had been some time since entertained of him by the *Italians*, that none of his Actions, since the Siege of *Crema*, had been answerable to his Defence of that Town.

PROSPERO was all this while drawing near his End, having been for Eight ^{Death of Prospero Colonna.} Months in a languishing Condition, not without some Suspicion of Poison, or a Love Potion. He had once been jealous of the Arrival of the Viceroy, but now finding himself unable to carry on the Business of the War, was very solicitous for his Coming. The Viceroy at last arrived, but when he approached *Milan*, would not for several Days enter the Town, out of Respect and Regard to the Merits and Reputation of so famous a General; but when he heard he was at the last Extremity and delirious, he would not lose the Satisfaction of having the Sight of so great a Man, and came to his Bedside a few Hours before his Death; tho' some have asserted that he did not enter *Milan* before he expired,

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 pired, which was on the last Day but
 one of the Year. He was no doubt re-
 puted a famous General, and his Repu-
 tation and Authority were very much
 increased in his latter Days. By a long
 Experience he made himself a perfect
 Master of the military Art, yet he was not
 quick in embracing the Opportunities
 which were offered him from the Disor-
 ders and Weakness of his Adversaries;
 but by such Proceedings he gave also
 little Opportunity to the Enemy for
 distressing him. He was naturally very
 slow in his Undertakings, and may deser-
 vedly be called the Cunctator *. But the
 World is justly indebted to *Prospero* for
 teaching how to carry on a War more
 effectually with Counsel than with the
 Sword, and the Art of defending States
 without running the Risque of a Battle
 without Necessity. In our Days the Man-
 ner of making War has undergone several
 Variations; for, before the Expedition of
Charles VIII. into *Italy*, the Strength of
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Prospero's
new Way
of making
War.

The old
Way.

* This Title of Cunctator, which signifies the Delayer, was given to *Fabius Maximus* when he obstructed *Hannibal's* Progress in *Italy* by avoiding an Action.

an Army consisted more of Horse in ^{A. D.} heavy Armour than in Foot. The In- ^{1523.}struments for battering Towns were extremely inconvenient for Carriage, and unhandy when put to Use: Battles were often given, yet the Slaughter was not considerable, and little Blood was spilt. When any Town was besieged, tho' never so small or weak, it would hold out for several Days against a strong Army, not so much thro' the Skill of the Besieged as from the Unskilfulness of the Besiegers, which rendered it very difficult for any Prince to get Possession of his Neighbour's State. But since the Arrival of *Charles* in *Italy* the Terror of Foreigners, the Ferocity of a differently disciplined Infantry, and above all the Execution of the Artillery, have filled the Minds of the *Italians* with Terror, and convinced them that there was no Hopes of defending themselves without keeping the Field; for the Men in Garrisons, quite ignorant how to defend the Towns, gave them up at the first Approach of the Enemy, and if any had the Courage to resist, in a few Days they were not able to stand the

G 3 Assault.

A. D. 1523 *Affault.* Thus the Kingdom of *Naples*, and the Dutchy of *Milan* were attacked and taken, as one may say, the same Day. Thus the *Venetians*, after the Loss of one Battle, immediately abandoned all their *Terra Firma*. In the same manner the *French*, at the very Sight of the Enemy, deserted the Dutchy of *Milan*. Mankind, terrified at the easy Loss of their Towns by these destructive Instruments, applied all their Wits and Art to find out Methods of Defence, and with such Success that they have fortified even their smallest Towns with Ramparts, Ditches, Flanks, Outworks, and Bastions, whence being assisted by a numerous Artillery, which does more Execution in the Defence than in the Siege of Places, the Towns are rendered secure, it being a very hard matter to take a Town fortified in such a Manner. The Recovery of *Otranto* from the *Turks* in our Forefathers Times, gave us perhaps the first Notions of such Sort of Fortifications; for *Alfonso* Duke of *Calabria*, on entering that Town, found that the *Ottomans* had made several Works unknown to the
Italians,

Italians, but the Memory of them had A. D. 1523.
 been only retained, for they were never
 put in Practice. *Prospero* by these Arts,
 much to his Honour, twice defended
 the Dutchy of *Milan*, he being the only
 or the chief Person who used them both
 defensively and offensively; for by cut-
 ting off his Enemy's Provisions, and pro-
 longing the War, he consumed them
 with Weariness, Length of Time,
 Poverty and Disorders. In this manner
 he both defended himself and conquered
 without fighting, and even without
 drawing a Sword, or breaking a single
 Lance. His Example has been since fol-
 lowed, and many Wars, that had lasted
 for several Months, have been termi-
 nated more by Industry and good Ma-
 nagement, and making a proper Use of
 all Advantages, than by Battles.

SUCH were the Transactions of the
 Year 1523 in *Italy*, and the same Year
 there were great Expectations from the
 Preparations that were making beyond
 the Mountains, which produced Effects
 not worthy of such great Princes, for

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Cæsar and the King of *England* had agreed with the Duke of *Bourbon*, that they would with mighty Armies make an Irruption, one into *Picardy*, the other into *Guyenne*; but the Motions of the King of *England* in *Picardy* were to little Purpose, and the Attempt of *Bourbon* in *Burgundy* soon came to nothing; for not being able to pay his *German* Foot, some of the Officers agreed with the King of *France*, and withdrew Part of their Troops, and *Bourbon* despairing of Success in *France* went to *Milan*, where *Cæsar* not liking he should go to *Spain*, left perhaps he should perfect the Matrimony, which he did not desire should take place, sent him by *Buren* the Title of his Lieutenant General in *Italy*, desiring him to continue there. Nor did *Cæsar's* Affairs on the Side of *Spain* proceed according to his Wishes; for tho' solicitous for the War he was arrived at *Pampelona*, in order to enter *France* in Person, and had already sent the Army beyond the *Pyrenean* Mountains, which had taken *Sauterre*, not far distant from *St. Jean du Pied de Port*, yet his Power

not

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France.

not being equal to his Eagerness, for want of Money he could not subsist ^{A. D. 1523.} such a Number of Forces as was necessary for so great an Undertaking; nor had he been able on the same account to assemble his Army, till towards the latter End of the Year; and the Coldness of the Season with the Scarcity of Provisions, that could not be easily conveyed at such a Distance, were additional Difficulties, which at last obliged him to disband this ^{Spanish} Army ^{dis-} banded. ^{band.} And *Federigo* of *Toledo*, Duke of *Alva*, a Nobleman of great Age and Authority, did not scruple saying in the Heat of the War, that *Charles* in many Things resembled *Ferdinando*, his Grandfather by the Mother's Side, but in this Expedition he acted more like *Maximilian*, his Grandfather by the Father's Side.

WE are now entering on the Year 1524, in the Beginning of which *Cæsar's* Commanders, taking Advantage of the Distress of the *French*, hoped they should be able

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 able to put an End to the War: For this Purpose they sent for the Duke of *Urbino*, and *Pietro da Pesaro*, the *Venetian* Proveditor, to come to *Milan*, in order to consult on the future Operations: When it was unanimously resolved that as soon as the Six thousand *Germans* which the Viceroy had ordered to be enlisted, were arrived at *Milan*, the Imperial and *Venetian* Army should jointly approach the Enemy, and expel them from that State with Sword or Famine. As they were persuaded they had a sufficient Force to compass this Design, there remained no other Obstacle than the Difficulty of raising Money; for as the Soldiery were greatly in Arrears, there was no Hopes of making them march out of *Milan*, or the other Towns, till they were paid; nor was it less necessary, while the Army kept the Field, to make Provision for the ordinary Course of Payments. To remove these Difficulties in part, the *Milanese*, being heartily tired of the War, raised Ninety Thousand Ducats amongst themselves, and lent them chearfully to the Duke

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Duke, whose Punctuality had already A. D. 1524. been experienced, when he repaid them out of his Treasury the Sums they had advanced when *Lautrech* lay before *Milan*. The Pope also at this Juncture gave a helping Hand; for, dreading by what had past, the Effects of a *French* Victory, unknown to the Messengers sent by the King of *France*, to whom he pretended the contrary, he very privately gave *Cæsar's* Ambassadors Thirty Thousand Ducats, and insisted that the *Florentines*, of whom the Viceroy demanded a fresh Contribution, by Virtue of the Confederacy made in *Adrian's* Time, should pay Thirty Thousand Ducats in full of all Demands. Not that the Pope had any Intention to shew for the future any Partiality to either of the contending Parties: On the contrary, his Impartiality was plainly seen; for when *Cæsar* and the King, on his Assumption to the Pontificate, sent him, one *Buren*, and the other *San Massan*, to engage him in their Interest, he hearkened to neither, but resolved, as soon as the present Disturbances were composed, to proceed with that Moderation

Clement is resolved to stand neuter between the Emperor and the King of France.

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deration in Differences between Christian Princes as was proper for a *Roman* Pontiff, and, without shewing any particular Propensity to either, use his utmost Endeavours to dispose them to Peace. This Behaviour was at that Time agreeable to the King of *France*, who feared that *Clement* entertained the same ill Disposition towards him now he was Pope, as he had when Cardinal; *Cæsar* on the contrary was displeased, thinking his past Friendship, and, since *Leo's* Death, the Interest he had given him for his Election, ought to have induced him not to separate from him; wherefore he took it very ill when it was signified to him, on the Part of the Pontiff, that tho' he had not divested himself of the Benevolence which he had hitherto entertained for him, yet since he had now laid aside the private Person, and was become a common Father, he was in Duty bound for the future to dispense common Duties.

BUT whilst the Viceroy was getting himself in Readiness to march against the Enemy, he sent *Giovanni de' Medici* to besiege

besiege *Marignano*, which together with *A. D.*
the Castle surrendered; and a few Days ^{1524.}
after the Marquis of *Pescara*, who, not
being disposed to serve under *Prospero*
Colonna, did not come to the Army till
that General was at the last Extremity,
being informed that *Bayard* was posted
in *Rebecca* with Three Hundred Light
Horse, and a good Body of Foot, in
conjunction with *Giovanni de' Medici*, he *Marigna-*
suddenly attacked them, and took most *no taken.*
of their Men, with their Horses, and dis- *Marquis*
persed and put to Flight the rest; then *of Pescara*
with all Speed he retired to *Milan*, that he *routs a*
might not give Time for those in *Bia-*
grassa to pursue him. His Industry and *Party at*
Valour were much cried up on this *Rebecca.*
Occasion, but much more his Speed;
for *Rebecca* is but Two Miles distant
from *Biagrasa*, but is Seventeen from
Milan, from whence he had set out.

THE State of the War was now re-
duced to this Point, that the Hopes of
the *French* consisted in their Enemy's
Want of Money, and those of the Im-
perialists in their Adversary's Want of
Provisions,

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Provisions, for they could not think of dislodging them by Force from their very strong Camp of *Biagrassa*; yet both Parties expected Succours, these of *German* Foot, and the other of *Swiss* and other Foot. The Admiral set Fire to the Town of *Rosa*, and withdrew the Garrison to *Biagrassa*, and to annoy the Enemy made Excursions all over the Country, burning and destroying every Thing before him. But the *German* Foot being at last arrived, the Imperial Army consisting of sixteen Hundred Men at Arms, fifteen Hundred Light Horse, seven Thousand *Spaniards*, twelve Thousand *Germans*, and fifteen Hundred *Italians*, with the Duke of *Milan*, the Duke of *Bourbon*, the Viceroy and the Marquis of *Pescara* at their Head, after Four Thousand Foot had been left to guard *Milan*, went and encamped at *Venasco*, where a few Days after the Duke of *Urbino* joined them with Six Hundred Men at Arms, Six Hundred Light Horse, and Six Thousand *Venetian* Foot. The Castle of *Cremona*, in the mean Time, not being able to hold out any longer for Want of Food, and *Federigo da*

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Army
marches
to *Venasco*.

Castle of
Cremona
surrenders.

da Bozzole having in vain attempted to relieve it, surrendered to the Imperialists. After this the *Cæsarean* Army marched to *Casera* Five Miles distant from *Bia-*
grassa, where the Admiral, after distributing Two Hundred Lances and Five
 Thousand Foot between *Lodi*, *Novara*, and *Alessandria*, had posted himself with Eight Hundred Lances, Eight Thousand *Swiss*, which a few Days after were increased with Three Thousand more, Four Thousand *Italian*, and Two Thousand *German* Foot, and having as yet sufficient Quantity of Provisions in the Army and neighbouring Towns for Two Months, it was impossible to attack him in his strong Entrenchments without the utmost Hazard. Wherefore the Imperialists had very often attempted to pass the *Tesino*, in order to take those Towns which supplied the Enemy with Necessaries on that Side, and prevent what Succours might come from *France* from joining the Army, but were always fearful that such a Step might endanger *Milan*, till at last, considering

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Description of the French Army.

A. D. dering the Confidence they might repose
 1524. in the People of that City, they thought
 a very large Garrison was not necessary,
 and therefore came to a Resolution of
 passing that River, and the Duke with
Giovanni de' Medici returned to *Milan*,
 where the Garrison now consisted of Six
 Thousand Foot. On the Second Day of
March the Army passed the *Tesino*, near
Pavia, over Three Bridges, the main Body
 quartered at *Gambalo*, and the Remainder
 were distributed in the neighbouring Vil-
 lages. On occasion of this Passage the
 Admiral, to secure *Vigevano*, sent thither
 immediately *Renzo da Ceri*, and Five
 Days after fearing he should lose that
 Town, and the rest of the *Lomellina*, which
 if taken would leave him in a manner
 besieged, decamped with his whole
 Army, leaving One Hundred Horse and
 One Thousand Foot at *Biagrasa*. He
 placed his Van-guard before *Vigevano*,
 and the main Body at *Mortara*, Two
 Miles from *Gambalo*, where the Viceroy
 was posted; he was very safe in this Situa-
 tion, had Plenty of Provisions, and a secure
 Communication with the *Monferrato*,
Vercelli,

Vercelli, and *Novara*, and the Places ^{A. D.}
 being near many others, all Necessaries ^{1524.}
 passed from Town to Town with as much
 Ease as if they were under a Convoy.

THE Admiral for two Days successively offered Battle to the Enemy, who, tho' sensible of their superior Numbers, and Valour of their Men, refused to fight, not being willing to put to Chance their almost certain Hopes of Victory, for by some intercepted Letters they were informed the Enemy began to want Money.

AFTER the Imperial Army had passed the *Tesino*, the Duke of *Urbino* with the *Venetian* Troops laid Siege to *Garlasco*, a Town strongly situated, and well fortified with Ditches and Ramparts, and garrisoned by Four Hundred *Italian* Foot, which lying on the other Side of the *Tesino*, between *Pavia* and *Trumello*, where he had designed to encamp, intercepted the Access of Provisions, not only to him, but to all the rest of the Army. On his Arrival he raised a Bat-
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THE Imperial Army moved afterwards to *San Giorgio* near *Pieve al Carro*, with an Intent of laying Siege to *Sartirano*, situated on the Side of the *Po*, a strong Town which lay convenient for preventing Provisions going to the *French*. The Care of this Place was committed to *Ugo Pepoli*, and *Giovanni Birago*; it had in Garrison some Horse and Six Hundred Foot; but *Giovanni d' Urbino*, arriving with some Artillery and Two Thousand *Spaniards*, took first the Town and then the Fort, putting the common Soldiers to the Sword, and making the Officers Prisoners. The *French* were on their March to succour *Sartirano*, but were prevented by the Speed of the Enemy, and on hearing on the Road what

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what had happened, they stopped with A. D:
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 their whole Army at *Monza*. Neither had the *French* better Success in other Parts of the Dutchy; for the Garrison of *Milan* forced the Town of *San Giorgio*, that lay beyond *Monza*, from whence those of *Biagrasa* were supplied with Provisions, to surrender. *Vitelli* recovered *Stradella*, where the Inhabitants had sent for the *French* quartered in *Lodi*, on account of the ill Usage they received from the *German* Garrison. *Pagolo Luzzasco* meeting a strong Body of *French* Horse put them to Flight; and *Federigo da Bozzole* having set out from *Lodi* to make an Attempt on *Pizzichitone* returned with Shame instead of Victory, being repulsed after many of his Men had been killed and many wounded. The only Advantage they obtained was the intercepting of Fourteen Thousand Ducats sent to the Army by *Cæsar*, which were seized in an Excursion between *Piacenza* and *Tortona*.

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IN the Midst of these Difficulties, two Things kept up the Admiral's Spirits, one his Hopes of a Diversion, the other of a speedy Succour, for the King had sent, by the Mountain of *Monginevra*, Four Hundred Lances, which were to be joined by Ten Thousand *Swiss*, and *Renzo da Ceri* was conducting Five Thousand new enlisted *Grisons*, by the Way of *Val di Saffina* into the Territory of *Bergamo*, whence they were to proceed to join *Federigo da Bozzole* who had with him a good Number of *Italian* Foot. The Admiral expected that the Imperialists on their Arrival would be obliged to repass the *Tesino*, for the Security of *Milan*. The Duke of *Milan* sent *Giovanni de' Medici* against those Forces, with Fifty Men at Arms, Three Hundred Light Horse, and Three Thousand Foot, who joining Three Hundred Men at Arms, Three Hundred Light Horse, and Four Thousand Foot of the *Venetians*, approached the Enemy who was at *Cravina*, a Country Seat between the Rivers *Adda* and *Brembo*,
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Eight Miles distant from *Bergamo*, and *A. D.*
 with Part of his Men made Excursions ^{1524.}
 to their very Camp. But the *Swiss*, the
 Third Day after their Arrival, com-
 plaining that in *Cravina* they had neither
 found Money nor Horse, nor another
 Body of Foot, as they had been promised
 by *Renzo*, returned into their own Coun-
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
AFTER the *Swiss* had broke up, *Giov.*
de' Medici took *Caravaggio*, and then
 passing the *Adda* with the Artillery de-
 stroyed the Bridge of the *French* at
Bufaloro on the *Tesino*. *Biagrassa* was
 now the only Place remaining in Possession
 of the *French* between *Milan* and the
Tesino, it was well stored with Provi-
 sions, and had a Garrison of One Thou-
 sand Foot under *Girolamo Caracciolo* a
Neapolitan. This Town being situated on
 the great Canal, was of great Hindrance
 to the Provisions which were usually sent
 that Way to *Milan*. The Duke took
 with him to this Siege *Giovanni de' Me-*
dicci, and was accompanied by all the *Mi-*
*lane*se Youth as well as Soldiery, and
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A. D. having battered the Walls from Sunrise till Noon, the Town was taken that very Day, to the great Honour of *Giov. de' Medici*, who on this Occasion gave Marks not only of a superior Valour, but acted with as much Prudence and Authority as could be expected from any great General. *Caracciolo* was taken Prisoner, many of the Garrison were killed in the Action, and *Medici* ordered several who had deserted from him to be hanged. As soon as the Town was taken those in the Castle capitulated, and surrendered on a Promise of Safety for their Persons. This Victory was joyful News for the Inhabitants of *Milan*, but their Misfortune, without Comparison, exceeded their Joy. For the Plague that had begun in *Biagrasa*, by means of Goods carried away in the Plunder was transported to *Milan*, and a pestilential Contagion being spread, it made such a Havock, that in *Milan* only Fifty Thousand Persons were carried off.

THE Whole of the War was now centered on the other Side the *Tesino*, where the Admiral after the Loss of *Sartirano*, on a new Approach of the Imperialists, abandoned *Mortara*, and in Two Marches arrived at *Novara* with his Army greatly diminished, for many of his Foot and of his Lances also had filed off and were returned to *France*, so that he had no other Measures to take than to gain Time, till he could be joined by Eight Thousand *Swiss*, who were arrived in the Neighbourhood of *Jurea*. On the other Hand the Imperialists, intent on preventing this Succour, and reducing the Enemy into Difficulties by cutting off their Provisions, possessed themselves of the Villages round *Novara*, putting to the Sword the *French* who had been left to guard them, and after placing a Garrison in *Vercelli* to prevent the *Swiss* from entering that Town, posted themselves at *Bianдра*, a Place between *Vercelli* and *Novara*; where their Camp was surrounded by Ditches, Trees and Waters. At last the Admiral being informed that the

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Swiss were moved from *Jurea*, and had halted at the River *Slesia*, which they had not been able to pass on account of the Height of the Waters, and being desirous to join them, in order, as it was thought, to make a secure Retreat, quitted *Novara*, and went and encamped on the same River ; where being in Want of Provisions, and his Men daily deserting, he ordered a Bridge to be laid between *Romagnana* and *Gattinara*, whilst the Enemy from *Bian-dra* had marched to *Briona*, and from thence formed their Camp within two Miles of *Romagnana*. The French thus strengthened passed the River the Day following, and if the Enemy had narrowly watched their Motions, it was thought they might have obtained that Day a compleat Victory. But their Generals differed in their Counsels, some being desirous to fight, others to let them depart unmolested. Nor indeed did military Affairs in the Imperial Army seem to be conducted with proper Care and Attention. The Marquis of *Pescara* was the sole Person who, for a constant Steadiness in all his Actions, seemed worthy of being entrusted

entrusted with the supreme Power ; but A. D. 1524.
the other Commanders, envious of his 
Merit and Glory, sought rather to ob-
scure his Fame by despising and con-
tradicting his Counsels, than to augment
his Credit by concurring with him. It
was late in the Day when the News of the
Departure of the *French* reached the Im-
perial Camp ; but as soon as it was known
many Light Horse, and many Foot in a
disorderly manner, without Colours, waded
the River, and followed them, and com-
ing up to their Rear, began to skirmish ;
the *French* fighting and marching forwards
sustained them for a long Time, yet at last
they left behind Seven Pieces of Artillery
and a very great Quantity of Ammunition
and Provisions, besides Part of the Bag-
gage of the Horse and Foot, and had
many of their Men killed in fighting.
They made a Feint as if they intended to
lodge at *Gattinara*, a Mile distant
from *Romagnana*, and at the same Time
secretly sent forward their Baggage and
Artillery. But as soon as the Enemy,
imagining they had taken up their Quarters
at *Gattinara*, had begun to retire, they
mar-

A. D. 1524. marched on Six Miles farther to *Ravifingo* which lies towards *Jurea*. The Imperialists lodged quietly the same Night on the River, but passed it as soon as the Moon began to shine, though not followed by the *Venetians*, who being entered into the Territory of the Duke of *Savoy*, thought they had already exceeded the Obligation of their Confederacy, by which they were only engaged to defend the Dutchy of *Milan*. The *French* proceeded with a slow March, and in very good Order, and having placed the *Swiss* in the Rear, they repulsed the first Horse and Foot that overtook and attacked them in a disorderly manner Two Miles beyond *Ravifingo*. On the Arrival of the Marquis of *Pescara* the Fight was renewed, but not in such a Manner as to stop the March of the *French*, who in this last Skirmish lost *Giovanni Gabaneo*, and *Monf. de Bayard*, who having received a Musquet Shot was made Prisoner, and died soon after of his Wound. The Marquis, tho' by this time he had been joined by a good Number of his Men, did not think it proper to continue the Pursuit without
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the Assistance of the whole Army and *A. D.*
the Artillery; and thus both *French* and ^{1524.}
Swiss without farther Molestation returned
to their own Habitations, after leaving at
Bauri, beyond *Jurea*, Fifteen Pieces of
Artillery to the Care of Three Hundred
Swiss, and one of the Lords of that
Country; but this did not secure them,
for the Imperial Generals on Notice given
sent and seized them: The conquering
Army was afterwards divided into several
Bodies. The Duke of *Urbino* was order-
ed to *Lodi*, the Marquis of *Pescara* to
Alessandria; those two Cities only remain-
ing in Possession of the *French*, for *Novara*,
on the Approach of the Duke of *Milan*
and *Giovanni de' Medici*, had surrendered.
The Viceroy undertook to march against
Rotellino, who with Four Hundred Lances
had passed the Mountains; but he, on
hearing of the Admiral's Retreat, returned
immediately into *France*. Nor did *Boissi*
and *Giulio da Sanseverino*, to whose Care
the Defence of *Alessandria* was committed,
make any Resistance: And *Federigo*, after
obtaining a few Days time to certify
himself of the Admiral's Departure, gave
up

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1524. up *Lodi*, on Condition of having Liberty to transport his *Italian* Foot into *France*, as had been permitted to those in *Alessandria*, and these Troops, which in both Cities amounted to about Five Thousand Men, were afterwards of signal Service to the King of *France*.

THUS ended the War against the Dutchy of *Milan*, under the Direction of the Admiral; by which the Power of the King of *France* receiving no Diminution, and the Roots of Evils not being extirpated, but only covered, new Calamities were expected to arise; for tho' *Italy* was freed from its present Disasters, it was not free from Jealousies of their being renewed. *Cæsar* however, at the Persuasion of the Duke of *Bourbon*, and invited by the Hopes that his Authority would be of very great Moment, attempted to transfer the Seat of the War into *France*, in concert with the King of *England*.

IN the Beginning of this year he laid Siege to *Fonterabia*, a very small Town on the Frontiers of *Spain* and *France*; and tho' it was plentifully provided with military Stores, Victuals and Men, who had sufficient Notice to repair the old and raise new Fortifications, yet for want of Experience they made them with so little Skill, that finding themselves exposed to the Fire of the Enemy, they were soon obliged to capitulate, and surrendered on Condition of Safety for their Persons.

AFTER the Recovery of *Fonterabia*, The Pope *Cæsar* formed greater Projects, and there-sollicits a fore paid little regard to the Persuasions and Authority of the Pope, who in the Beginning of this Year had sent to him and to the Kings of *England* and *France*, to solicit them to enter into a Treaty of Peace, or at least agree to a Suspension of Arms, but with little Hopes of Success. The King of *France*, not expecting to obtain a Peace answerable to his Wishes, was desirous of a Two Years Truce; whilst
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A. D. *Cæsar*, despising a Truce, which would
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only give Time to the King to be better prepared for a new War, wanted Peace, and any Sort of Convention made by the Pope was disagreeable to the King of *England*, from a Desire he had entertained of being constituted the sole Mediator, to which he was persuaded by the ambitious counsels of the Cardinal of *York*. This Man, tho' of a very low Extraction and despicable Blood, found means to gain such an Ascendant over that Prince, as to make it evidently appear to every one that the King's Orders, without his Approbation, were of no Significancy; and on the contrary, whatever Orders he issued, even without the King's Knowledge, were punctually executed. But the King and the Cardinal at this Juncture dissembled with *Cæsar*, and seemed ardently desirous of making War against *France*, to which Kingdom *Henry* pretended for various Reasons, to have a Right, grounding his first Claim from the time of *Edward* III. King of *England*. This *Edward*, after the Death of *Charles* IV. King of *France*, surnamed the

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Wolsey.

Pretensions of the
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 Sovereigns
 to the
 Kingdom
 of *France*.

the *Fair*, who in 1328 died without *A. D.* Issue Male, being born of a Sister of *Charles*, made Instances to be declared King of *France*, as the nearest Male a-kin to the deceased King. But he was excluded in a general Parliament of *France*, which decreed that, according to the Salic Law, which was a very antient Law of that Kingdom, not only Females but all Descendants of the female Line were excluded from the Succession. But *Edward*, soon after taking upon him the Title of King of *France*, entered that Kingdom with a powerful Army, and obtained several Victories both over *Philip de Valois*, who by general Consent had been declared Successor to *Charles the Fair*, and over *John* his Son, whom he took in a Battle, and carried Prisoner into *England*. After some Time he made a Peace with *John*, who yielding to him several Provinces and States in the Kingdom of *France*, *Edward* renounced the Royal Title of that Kingdom. But the Articles of this Peace not being long complied with, several Wars and lasting Truces ensued, till *Henry V.* of *England*, entering

A. D. 1524. ing into an Alliance with *Philip* Duke of *Burgundy*, who was fallen out with the Crown of *France* on account of the Murder of his Father Duke *John*, was so successful against *Charles* the VI. a Lunatic, that he made himself Master of almost the whole Kingdom, with *Paris* its Capital, where meeting with the King and Queen, he married their Daughter *Catherine*, prevailing on the distracted Sovereign to agree that, notwithstanding his Son *Charles* was living, the Kingdom after his own Death should be transferred to *Catherine* and her Children. By Virtue of this invalid and unreasonable Title, after *Henry's* Death, his Son *Henry VI.* was solemnly crowned King of *France* and *England* in *Paris*. But *Charles*, after his Father's Death called *Charles VII.* taking Advantage of the bloody Wars which were afterwards kindled in *England* amongst the Princes of the Royal Blood; expelled the *English* out of all their Conquests in *France*, excepting *Calais*, and sent them on the other Side of the Ocean : Yet the Kings of *England* have continued to retain the Title of King
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of *France*. These Reasons were sufficient to excite *Henry VIII.* to a War, who was more secure than any other of his Predecessors in his Kingdom. For the Kings of the House of *York*, which gave Name to one of the Factions, having depressed those of the House of *Lancaster*, the Name of the other, the *Lancastrians*, after the Extinction of the Male Issue of that Family, exalted to the Throne *Henry* of *Richmond*, as the nearest in Blood of that Race, who after the Death and Overthrow of the Kings his Adversaries, that he might reign with the greater Security and Authority, married a Daughter of *Edward* the last King but one of the House of *York* *. Wherefore it appeared that on *Henry* born of that Matrimony were transferred all the Rights of both Families, who bore for their Ensigns the Red and White Rose. *Henry* however was not so much induced to take up Arms in hopes of conquering the Kingdom of *France*, which he knew

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* The Author, by calling *Edward* the last King but one of the *York* Line, seems to have overlooked *Edward V.*

A. D. ^{1524.} would be attended with innumerable
 Difficulties, as by the Cardinal of *York's*
 Sollicitations, who, foreseeing the many
 Troubles and Inconveniencies which must
 necessarily arise in the Course of a War,
 ambitiously coveted and expected that the
 King his Master would be constituted
 Umpire of all Differences. And, as he
 knew his Authority in settling the Articles
 of Peace would have the greatest Weight,
 he pleased himself with the Thoughts
 of making his Name glorious through-
 out the Universe, and intended at the
 same time to establish his Interest with
 the King of *France*, to whom he had
 secretly inclined : And this was the true
 Reason why his Engagements at this
 Juncture were not so strong as they
 ought to have been, had he really in-
 tended to come heartily into a War.
 But these were sufficient to confirm
Cæsar in his Resolution to take up Arms,
 and a still greater Inducement were the
 Hopes he had placed on the vast In-
 terest and Authority of the Duke of
Bourbon in the Kingdom of *France*,
 which he expected would raise confi-
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derable Commotions in that Country: A. D. 1524:
 Wherefore, tho' many, laying before him the Want of Money, and the uncertain Faith of his Allies, counselled him to shake off all Thoughts of a War attended with so many Difficulties, and to consent that the Pope might treat for a Suspension of Arms, he entered into a Confederacy with the King of *England*, and the Duke of *Bourbon*, on these Conditions: That the Duke should march out of *Italy* into *France* with Part of the Army which was in *Italy*: As soon as he had passed the *Alps*, the King of *England* should pay him One Hundred thousand Ducats towards the first Month's Expences of the War, and should be afterwards at Liberty either to continue his monthly Contributions, or to pass with a powerful Army into *France*, and open the Campaign the first Day of *July*, and continue his Operations till the End of *December*, in which Case the States of *Flanders* should supply him with Three Thousand Horse, One Thousand Foot, and a sufficient Train of Artillery and Ammunition: That if they

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proved successful the Duke of *Bourbon* should be restored to his Estate, which had been seized by the King, and put in Possession of *Provence*, which he claimed by Virtue of a Cession made by the Duke of *Lorrain*, after the Death of *Charles VIII.* to *Anne* Dutcheſs of *Bourbon*; and it was to be created into a Kingdom in his Favour: That the Duke should acknowledge *Henry* for King of *France*, and pay him Homage, the Treaty otherwise to be void and null: That *Bourbon* should not enter into any Negotiation with the King of *France* without the Consent of both Parties. That *Cæſar* should at the same Time attack *France* from the Frontiers of *Spain*: That the Ambassadors of *Charles* and *Henry* should use their best Endeavours to induce the *Italian* Powers to contribute Money towards an Expedition which would secure them for ever from a *French* War. But in this Point they failed of Success; for the Pope not only refused to make any Contribution, but expressly condemned the whole Undertaking, foretelling *Cæſar* that he would not
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only be disappointed in all his Expectations in *France*, but also be the Cause of bringing a new War into *Italy*, much more dangerous than the first.

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IN Pursuance of this Scheme the *Bourbon's* War was resolved on, notwithstanding Expedition into the Duke of *Bourbon* absolutely refused *Provence*. to acknowledge the King of *England* for King of *France*. The Duke proposed going directly to *Lyons*, which was near his patrimonial Estate; but it was thought more proper to march into *Provence*, from whence he might with greater Conveniency be supplied from *Spain*, and be benefited by the Fleet which *Cæsar* was fitting out at his own Charge at *Genoa*.

THE Circumstances attending this Expedition were, that *Bourbon*, accompanied by the Marquis of *Pescara*, who, disdaining to serve under the Duke, got himself declared the Emperor's Lieutenant General, came to *Nice*, but with a much less Force than was intended. They had five Hundred Men at Arms, Eight Hundred

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Light Horfe, Four Thousand *Spanish* Foot, Three Thousand *Italians*, and Five Thousand *Germans*; but the Three Hundred Men at Arms, and Five Thousand more *Germans* designed for this Expedition, for Want of Money, were not raised; and the Viceroy, unable to enlist a fresh Body of Foot, as had been resolved in the first Council, in order to oppose *Michel' Agnolo*, Marquis of *Saluzzo*, who was marched out of his own State, and posted on the Mountains with One Thousand Men, was obliged to keep with him his Men at Arms for the Defence of the Country. To this must be added that *Cæsar's* Fleet, one of the chief Hopes on which the Undertaking depended, through the Negligence or Treachery of the Commander Don *Ugodi Moncada*, a Pupil of *Valentino*, and a Man of no Morals or Principles, was found to be much inferior to the *French* Fleet, which had sailed from *Marseilles*, and was come to an Anchor in the Port of *Villa Franca*.

THE Imperialists however entered *Provence*, where *Palisse*, *la Foellette*, *Renzo da Ceri*, and *Federigo da Bozzole*, the King's
Generals,

Generals, not having a sufficient Force *A. D.*
 to oppose them, had distributed them- ¹⁵²⁴
 selves in the Towns. Part of the Im-
 perialists marched along the Coast, and,
 after taking the Tower which com-
 mands the Port of *Toulon*, joined
 the Army with Two Pieces of Cannon:

Aix, the Capital of *Provence*, both for *Aix sur-*
 her Dignity and for being the Seat of ^{renders.}
 the Parliament, surrendered, as did also
 several other Towns of that Country.
 After the taking of *Aix*, *Bourbon* advised
 to pass the *Rhone*, and, removing far-
 ther from the Sea, endeavour to enter
 into the Heart of *France*, before the
 Country was better provided for their
 Reception: For the Lances, who had suf-
 fered greatly in *Italy*, and were now but
 indifferently paid, the Royal Treasure
 being exhausted, little expecting that
 their Enemies would follow them out of
Lombardy into *France*, were in such
 Disorder that they could not easily be
 re-established; and the King distrusting, as
 usual, the Valour of his *French* Infantry,
 could not take the Field before the Ar-
 rival of the *Swiss* and *Germans*; and

A. D. *Bourbon* in the mean time was in hopes
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 some important Progress. But the Mar-
 quiss of *Pescara* and the rest of the
Spanish Commanders would not agree
 to such a Proposal ; they were for get-
 ting Possession of *Marseilles*, which they
 knew was *Cæsar's* Intention, because ly-
 ing on the Sea, the Fleets from *Spain*
 might conveniently from thence annoy
 the *French* Coast, and the Troops make
 their Passage that Way into *Italy*. As
Bourbon could not contradict them, Siege
Marseilles was laid to *Marseilles*. *Renzo da Ceri*
 besieged. had entered that Town with the *Italian*
 Forces he had brought with him from
Lodi and *Alessandria*, and the Besiegers
 were Forty Days before the Place to
 little Purpose ; for tho' they battered the
 Walls in several Places, and attempted
 to make Mines, yet they found too many
 Difficulties to struggle with, such as the
 Thickness of the Walls of an ancient
 Structure, the Valour of the Besieged,
 and the natural Inclination of the In-
 habitants, as much devoted to the *French*
 as bitter Enemies to the *Spaniards*, ever
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since old *Alfonso* King of *Aragon*, in his Return from *Naples* to *Spain*, by Surprise put their Town to the Sack ; and they were now in high Spirits on account of the Succours they expected not only by Sea but also by Land. For the King was come to *Avignon*, a Town on the *Rhone*, belonging to the Church, intent on assembling a powerful Army. To these Difficulties must be added the Want of Money in the Army ; they had lost besides all Hopes that the King, by being attacked in other Parts of his Kingdom, would be disabled from moving his whole Force to one single Part : For tho' the King of *England* had sent *Richard Pacey* to *Bourbon*, yet he refused the second Monthly Payment of the Hundred Thousand Ducats, and gave no Marks of any Design of invading *Picardy* ; on the contrary he admitted *Giovanni Giovacchino*, of *Spetie*, who was sent to him by the King of *France* ; and the Cardinal of *York* giving at the same Time cross Answers to the Imperial Ministers, *Cæsar* began to entertain no small Jealousy of the King's Intentions.

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Succours answer *Cæsar's* Desires, for the
 CORTES of *Castile*, the Name given to the
 Assembly of the Deputies of the whole
 Kingdom, had refused to grant him the
 Supply of Four Hundred Thousand Du-
 cats, with which they were used to supply
 their Kings on Occasions of Importance,
 which prevented his sending Money to the
 Army in *Provence*; and his Preparations
 for attacking *France* from his Frontiers
 were weak and insignificant. All these
 Accidents so disheartened the Besiegers,
 that despairing of obtaining *Marseilles*,
 and fearing great Danger from the King's
 Approach, they broke up the Siege the
 same Day that the King, after assem-
 bling Six Thousand *Swiss*, was setting out
 from *Avignon* with his Army. As soon as
 the Siege was raised, the Imperialists
 turned their Faces towards *Italy*, mar-
 ching with all the Speed imaginable, as
 sensible of the Risque they should run if
 overtaken by the Whole or any Part of
 the King's Army in an Enemy's Country.

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FRANCIS now thought he had a very fair Opportunity for recovering the Duchy of *Milan*, both in regard to his own powerful Army, and the weak Condition of the Enemy, and because he hoped that, by taking the direct Road, he might get into *Italy* sooner than those who were marching from *Marseilles*. Being therefore determined not to let slip the Occasion which Fortune had thrown in his Way, he thus addressed his Army: “ I am determined without Delay to go in Person into *Italy*, and shall therefore not only not hearken to, but also take it very ill of any one who should presume to advise the contrary. Let every one punctually obey the Orders which shall be given, and attend to perform the Duties of his Office. God the Lover of Justice, in order to chastise the Insolence and Rashness of my Enemies, has at last opened a Way for my recovering what had been unjustly ravished from me.” His Constancy in this Resolution, and his Speed in its Execution kept equal Pace with his Words; for he immediately moved with his Army consisting of

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A. D. Two Thousand Lances, and Twenty
 1524. Thousand Foot, avoiding a Meeting with
 his Mother, who was coming from *Avignon*, to persuade him not to pass the Mountains, but to leave the Management of the War to his Generals. He ordered *Renzo da Ceri* to embark on the Fleet with his Troops that were in *Marseilles*, then to put a Stop to all Treaties, or distrusting the Pope, he forbade the Archbishop of *Capoua*, who was sent Ambassador to him, and was afterwards to pass to *Cæsar*, to proceed any farther ; signifying to him that he might reside at *Avignon* with his Mother, and execute his Commission by Letters, or else return to the Pope. He was in the mean while with all Speed following the Enemy, who, despising the Molestations given them by the Country People, and proceeding in very good Order along the Sea Shore, were arrived at *Monaco*, where bursting their Cannon, and loading the Mules with the Pieces for the more easy Conveyance, they advanced to *Finale*, at which Place, hearing of the King's Motions, they redoubled their Speed to arrive in Time for the Defence of the Dutchy of *Milan*,
 for

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for the Troops they had left were not sufficient to make a resistance.

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BOTH Armies proceeding in this Manner towards *Italy*, it happened that the same Day the King came to *Vercelli*, the Marquis of *Pescara*, with the Horse and Spanish Foot, entered *Alba*, the Duke of *Bourbon* with the German Foot being a Day's March behind; the Duke, hardly allowing himself Time to breathe, the Day following from *Alba* arrived at *Vogbiera*, which was a March of Forty Miles, in order to enter *Pavia* the next Day. He there joined the Viceroy, who with great Speed was come from *Alessandria*, where he had left Two Thousand Foot in Garrison, just at the time that the King's Army began to arrive on the Banks of the *Tesino*. At a Council at *Pavia*, at which *Girolamo Morone* assisted, it was at first resolved to leave a sufficient Garrison in *Pavia*, and then to make a Stand, as had been practised before, at *Milan*; and *Morone* was ordered thither to provide all Necessaries, and the Duke, who had been sent for to come to *Pavia*, was to follow him

A. D. 1524. him, *Antonio de Leva* being left in *Pavia* with Three Hundred Men at Arms, and Five Thousand Foot, all *Germans*, excepting a few *Italians*. They accordingly set out for *Milan*; but that Town, having been all the Summer sorely afflicted with the Plague, had no Resemblance of its former Lustre; for vast Numbers of the Citizens having perished, and of those who had escaped so dire a Calamity many being gone away, there was no more to be seen that Plenty of Provisions, and it was very difficult to raise Money; and as no Care had been taken to keep up the Fortifications, they lay in Ruins; yet, in the Midst of all these Misfortunes, the People were as ready as before to undergo the same Labour and Danger. But *Morone*, being convinced that to bring the Army to *Milan* would rather prove the Destruction of the Soldiery than the Defence of the City, took another Resolution, and, in the Midst of a Multitude of Citizens, made the following Speech:

Plague in
Milan.

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“ WE may repeat this Day, with no less Anguish of Mind, the same Words that were pronounced by our Saviour in his Agony, ‘ The Spirit indeed is ready, but the Flesh is weak.’ You are in the same Disposition as ever to live under the Government of your Duke *Francesco Sforza*, and his Heart is equally oppressed for the Miseries and Dangers of his beloved People ; he is willing and ready to lay down his Life for your Safety, and you are as much desirous to expose your Persons for his Support as you have done on former Occasions. But your Strength is no ways equal to your good Will, for the City is almost void of Inhabitants, we are straitened for Provisions and Want of Money, and your Fortifications are in so bad a Condition, that it is impossible to prevent the Enemy’s Entrance. It is Death to the Duke to be obliged to desert you, but it would be worse than Death, if, undertaking your Defence, he should prove the Cause of your utter Destruction, which would infallibly be the Event. In such dangerous Cases that Person is reckoned prudent, who

A. D. who chuses the lesser Evil, and does not at
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himself of all Hope. It is on this Principle that the Duke advises you to submit to the present Necessity, and obey the King of *France*, till the Return of better Times, which we have very good Reason to expect very soon. The Duke at present will take Care of himself, but afterwards your Concerns will be his chief Attention. *Cæsar's* Power is very great, his good Fortune not to be described, the Cause is very just, our Enemies the same we have so often conquered. God will be pleased with your Loyalty to the Duke, and with the Duke's Attention to his Country, and we ought to assure ourselves, that it is for some good End to permit us at this Instant to labour under such Calamities, and be confident that very soon he will assist us in obtaining so compleat a victory over our proud Enemies, as will enable us to retrieve all our Losses during the long Peace it will procure us." As soon as he had finished this Speech, after furnishing the Castle with Provisions, he quitted the Town.

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THE Duke, ignorant of what had passed, was coming towards *Milan*, and had no sooner got out of *Pavia* than he met *Ferrando Castriotta* with the Artillery, who informed him that part of the Enemy had passed the *Tesino*, and that meeting with *Zuccherò Borgognone* on that River, with his Light Horse, they had put him to Flight; the Duke, fearing therefore he should fall in with the *French* on the Road, returned to *Pavia*.

THOUGH the Duke and *Morone* had acted with Sincerity in this Affair, yet the Imperial Commanders, who were with the Army at *Binasco*, suspected that they had made some private Agreement with the King of *France*, and therefore sent *Alarcone* with Two Hundred Lances to *Milan*, whom they designed to follow, or not, according to the Advices he should give them. On his Arrival the *Milanese*, who were already treating with some Exiles sent thither by the King, taking Courage, cried *Cæsar* and *Francesco Sforza*! But *Alarcone* finding it was not practica-

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ble to defend the Town, and having Notice that the Van of the *French* was approaching, quitted the Place and thro' the *Roman Gate* made towards *Lodi*, whither the whole Imperial Army was marching at the same Time that the Enemy were entering *Milan* thro' the Gates of the *Tesino* and of *Vercelli*: And if, instead of making for that City, they had followed and attacked the Imperialists, who were tired with their long Marches, and had lost a great Number of Arms and Horses, it is the general Belief that they might have dispersed them with Ease; nay, if, even after approaching *Milan*, they had immediately turned towards *Lodi*, the Imperial Commanders would not have ventured to continue there; and perhaps if they had then crossed the *Adda* with the same Speed, they might in all Likelihood, with the same Ease, have put the Remainder of the Army into great Confusion.

BUT the King, either that he thought it to be a Matter of the highest Concern to make himself sure of *Milan*, from whence

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whence he always received the principal ^{A. D} Opposition, or that he was not aware of ^{1524.} the Opportunity, or from some other ^{The King orders the} Reason, not only approached *Milan*, ^{Castle of} which he neither entered himself, nor ^{*Milan* to} permitted his Army to enter, but halted ^{be besieged.} there till he had put therein a proper Garrison, and given orders for the Siege of the Castle, which was defended by 700 *Spaniards*. It must however be said to his great Praise, that out of his great Goodness and merciful Temper, he gave Orders that none of the *Milanese* should be molested. After settling what he ^{And} thought requisite at *Milan*, he marched ^{marches} to *Pavia*:² his Army to *Pavia*, thinking it was dangerous to leave behind a Town full of Soldiers. The King's Army was at this Time, reckoning those left in *Milan*, computed to consist of Two Thousand Lances, Eight Thousand *Germans*, Six Thousand *Swiss*, Six Thousand Volunteers, and Four Thousand *Italians*, which last grew afterwards considerably more numerous.

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Marquis
of *Pescara*
at *Lodi*.

THE Marquis of *Pescara* was at this Time at *Lodi* with Two Thousand Foot, and the Viceroy, after leaving Garrisons in *Alessandria*, *Como* and *Trezzo*, was gone to *Scnzino*, with *Francesco Sforza*, and *Charles de Bourbon*. It was joyful News to the Imperialists, amidst so many Difficulties, to hear the King was gone to *Pavia*. This raised their drooping Spirits, and giving them Hopes of being able to put themselves in a better Condition, provided that Town held out for some Time, without which they had no Prospect of retrieving their Affairs, they instantly sent into *Germany* to enlist Six Thousand Foot, having in their Hands for their Salary, and other necessary Charges, Fifty Thousand Ducats, which *Cæsar* had lodged in *Genoa* for the Use of the War in *Provence*. Yet nothing so much embarrassed their Counsels as the Want of Money, nor could they hope to raise any in the Dutchy, nor expected from *Charles*, in his penurious Condition, any thing more than his Orders to mortgage, as far as he could, the Revenues of the Kingdom of *Naples*.

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Little or no Supply either of Men or Money was expected from their old Allies, for both the Pope and *Florentines*, being desired to contribute Money, had given general Answers. The Pope, after the Departure of the Admiral, being fully determined to stand neuter in the War between *Cæsar* and the King of *France*, would not renew the Alliance made by his Predecessor, nor enter into any new Confederacy with any Prince: and at the very Time that he made Profession of Friendship to *Charles* and the King of *England*, he had secretly assured the King of *France* that he should not oppose him whenever he attacked the Dutchy of *Milan*: And the *Venetians* being required by the Viceroy to send to the Army the Troops they had engaged for in the Articles of the League, tho' they did not absolutely refuse, yet gave very cool Answers, with an Intention to regulate their Counsels according to the Turn of Affairs, either because some of them called to Mind their antient Confederacy with *France*, or because they believed that the King of *France* being in

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Italy with so powerful an Army, and his Enemy in so weak a Condition, he must of course be victorious; or that they more than ever suspected the ambitious Views of *Cæsar*. For to the Surprise, and with the Complaints, in a manner, of all *Italy*, he had not yet given to *Francesco Sforza* the Investiture of the Dutchy of *Milan*. They were besides held in Suspence by the Pope's Authority, whose Counsels and Example had a great Weight with them at this Juncture.

Pavia
besieged.

BUT the King of *France*, having made his Approach to *Pavia*, on the upper Side, between the *Tesino* and the High Road that leads to *Milan*, and posted the Vanguard in the Suburb of *Sant' Antonio*, on the other Side of the *Tesino*, on the Road to *Genoa*, took up his own Quarters in the Abbey of *San Lanfranco*, a Mile from the Walls of the Town. After two Days firing from two Batteries, with his Army in Battle Array he began the Assault; but observing that the Town was well fortified within the Walls, that the Enemy made a gallant Defence, and on the

the contrary that his own Men gave manifest Tokens of Fear, after many of them had been killed, he ordered to sound the Retreat; and finding how difficult it would prove to take a Town defended by so numerous and warlike a Garrison by Storm, he determined to make a regular Siege, by cutting of Trenches, and erecting Platforms, with a vast Number of Pioneers employed in working on the Flanks, that the Soldiers might with less Danger make their Approaches. To this tedious and difficult Work he added that of making Mines being determined to gain his point tho' he should advance but Inch by Inch; and at last, under great Doubts from the Bravery and Numbers of the Besieged, and taking Advice of many able Engineers, perfectly acquainted with the Course of the River, which two Miles above *Pavia* divides itself into two Branches, and then a Mile below it, before entering the *Po*, unites again, he resolved to turn that Branch which passes by the Side of *Pavia* into the other lesser Branch, called *Gravellone*, in hopes it would facilitate the taking

A. D. of it on that Side, where the Wall, on account of the Security it received from the Depth of the Water, had no Fortification. *1524.*

In this Work, which was carried on with an incredible Number of Hands, at a vast Expence, and not without Apprehension of frequent Sallies from the Besieged, he wasted many Days, sometimes the Violence of the Waters, very much swelled by heavy Rains, ruining the Banks, which were cast up in the Channel where the River divides itself, in order to force it into the lesser Stream, and sometimes he expected to overcome the violence of the River by Dint of Men and Money; but at last Experience convinced him of what is most commonly the Case that the Rapidity of Rivers has greater Power than all the Labour of Workmen, and the Industry of expert Engineers. The King therefore deprived of this Hope, and of taking the Town by Force, or by Arts of Engineers, was obliged to content himself with carrying on a formal Siege, by the Length of which he imagined to reduce the Garrison to a Necessity of surrendering.

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BUT whilst Affairs were proceeding in the manner related, the Pope as soon as he heard that the King had got Possession of *Milan*, much concerned at so prosperous a Beginning, and therefore desirous to secure his own Affairs, sent to him *Gian Matteo Giberto*, Bishop of *Verona*, his Datary, a Person he could intirely confide in, and who he knew was not unacceptable to the King. He was commissioned to call first at *Sonzino*, to exhort the Viceroy and other Commanders to enter into some Terms of Agreement, and acquaint them that he was proceeding on the same Errand to the *French* Camp: But the Imperial Generals, grown sanguine at the stout Resistance made at *Pavia*, fiercely answered that they would give Ear to no Composition which should leave the King of *France* in Possession of a Foot of Land in the *Milanesè*. He found no better, and perhaps a harder disposition in the King of *France*, who, elated with the Power of his Army, and by his being in a Condition not only to subsist but also increase

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crease it, answered the Bishop that it was chiefly on those Grounds he had undertaken to pass into *Italy*, and not, as it might be thought, with a View only of getting thither before the Enemy, tho' in this he had in a great measure succeeded : And now he made no Doubt of taking *Pavia*, the Walls of which he was briskly battering, having made such Works as he hoped could not be resisted by the Enemy for their Want of Powder, which was comprehended by their slow Firing ; they had also a Scarcity of Bread, and he did not despair of turning the *Tesino* : That he was far even from thinking that the sole Recovery of *Milan* and *Genoa* were sufficient Rewards for his great Trouble, and immense Expences, and therefore had as much in View the attacking the Kingdom of *Naples*. The Bishop then entered on the chief Business for which he had been sent, which was soon brought to a Conclusion ; for the Pope engaged that neither he nor the *Florentines* should give any Assistance either open or secret against the King, who took both the Pope and *Florentines* into his

his Protection by a Deed, in which he *A. D.* particularly inserted the Authority of the *1524.* Family *de' Medici* in *Florence*, and it was agreed that this Convention should not be divulged till his Holiness thought proper. But tho' this Agreement came not to the Knowledge of the Imperialists, yet their Jealousy of the Pope's Intentions increased : And in order to make a full Discovery of his Mind, they sent to him *Marino*, Abbot of *Nagera*, who was Commissary of their Camp, with Proposals that might work both upon his Hopes and Fears : for on one Hand they made him vast Offers, and on the other they represented that, as *Cæsar* and the King of *France* were in the Height of their Contention, *Cæsar* could not but regard as Enemies whoever at this Juncture should stand neuter. But *Clement* replied, that nothing could be more unbecoming a *Roman* Pontiff than to make himself a Party in Quarrels amongst Christian Princes : The Office of a Pastor was to be neuter, by which Means he should with greater Authority become a Mediator between them, for
which

A. D. which End he was already treating with
 1524. *Cæsar* by means of the Archbishop of
Capua, who after the Acquisition of *Mi-*
lan, with a Pass from the King's Mo-
 ther, passed thro' *Lions* into *Spain*, where
 after excusing, with the same Reasons,
 the Pope's Refusal to renew the League
 which *Cæsar* had vehemently pressed as
 soon as he heard of the King's March
 towards *Italy*, he earnestly exhorted
 him that either with a Truce or Peace
 he would lay down his Arms. *Cæsar*
 surrounded by so many Difficulties was
 willing to come into an Agreement, for he
 considered that he could not raise Mo-
 ney in *Spain* for the *Italian* Affairs, that
 the King of *France* seemed to carry all
 before him, and he suspected that the King
 of *England* had made some secret Agree-
 ment with his Enemy, because that King
 not only refused to let the Fifty Thou-
 sand Ducats which he had remitted to
Rome, for the War in *Provence*, be sent to
 the Army in *Lombardy*, but, what gave a
 greater Suspicion, demanded of *Cæsar*, in
 a Time of so great Distress, a Restitution
 of Money lent, and Payment of all the
 Sums

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Sums for which he was engaged. For *A. D.*
Cæsar, so long ago as when he went ^{1524.}
into *Spain*, being very desirous of an
Alliance with the King of *England*, in
order to remove any Obstacle that might
keep him in Suspense, engaged to pay
him the same yearly Pension which
was allowed him by the King of *France*,
and Twenty Thousand Ducats more for
the Pensions *Francis* paid to the Cardi-
nal of *York* and other *English* Mini-
sters, and also the Thirty Thousand
Ducats which were allotted to Queen
Blanche, who had been married to King
Lewis, of all which Sums nothing had
hitherto been paid. To all these in-
ward Afflictions must be added, that
Cæsar, at that Time, laboured under a
bodily Infirmary, for he took so much
to Heart the Miscarriage at *Marseilles*,
that it threw him into a Quartan Ague ;
yet, either because he was of so high
a Spirit, that no Difficulties could pre-
vail on him to stoop to an Enemy,
or confiding in the Valour of his Of-
ficers in case of a Battle, or promising
himself that he must needs be an ex-
traordinary

A. D. 1524. traordinary Favourite of Fortune for the future as well as in Times past, he answered that it was below his Dignity to come into any Convention whilst the King of *France* molested with his Army the *Milanese*.

THE King, in the mean Time, was come to a Resolution of invading the Kingdom of *Naples*, in hopes that the Viceroy, alarmed at the Danger, for no Garrisons had been kept in the Towns, would either draw off his Forces from that Dutchy to defend that Kingdom, or would at least agree to lay down his Arms on disadvantageous Conditions, which was what he began almost to wish when he found so many Difficulties in the Siege of *Pavia*.

Duke of *Albany* sent for the King-
dom of *Naples*. HE appointed *John Stuart*, Duke of *Albany*, of the Blood Royal of *Scotland*, for his Commander in Chief in this Expedition, with a Detachment from the Army of Two Hundred Lances, Six Hundred Light Horse, and Four Thousand Foot, one Half of which were *Italians*,

Italians, Four Hundred *Swiss*, and the rest *Germans* ; and ordered *Renzo da Ceri*,
in order to join him, to land at *Livorno* the Foot destined for the Fleet,
which, being retarded by the Difficulty
in providing Necessaries for its Equip-
ment, was still at Anchor in the Port
of *Villa Franca* ; and that *Renzo* and
others of the *Orsini* should enlist Four
Thousand Men in the Territory of
Rome. He notified this Resolution to
the Pontiff by *Alberto* Count of *Carpi*,
his Ambassador, soliciting Leave to
levy Men in *Rome*, and for his Army to
pass thro' the Ecclesiastic State.

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THE Pope was very uneasy at such a
Request, and could not bear to think that
the King of *France* should make himself
Master both of the Dutchy of *Milan* and
of the Kingdom of *Naples* ; but not daring
to give a flat Denial, he exhorted him to
lay aside this Undertaking for the present,
that he might not put him under a Necess-
sity of refusing him what he could not
consent to for just Causes, demonstrating
to him, with solid Reasonings, that this
Point

A. D. Point was contrary to his own Interest ;
 1524. for if the Desire of recovering the Dutchy
 of *Milan* had stirred him up so many
 Enemies, what could he expect if he
 was also to aspire to the Kingdom of
Naples ? Who would wonder if the
Venetians should, at such a Provocation,
 join the Emperor, even with a greater
 Force than they were engaged to by
 Treaty ? He begged of him to consider
 that if by any Accident his Progress
 should be obstructed in *Lombardy*, with
 what Discredit he would enter *Naples*,
 and how his Miscarriage in any one
 of these States would inevitably be the
 Cause of his Overthrow in the other.
 And, lastly, that he ought to remember
 how he had commended him for be-
 taking himself to the Duty of a Pontiff,
 and therefore it would be absurd to oblige
 him now to act the contrary Part.

BUT all he alledged was to no Pur-
 pose, for the Duke of *Albany*, without
 waiting for an Answer, as if he were
 sure of the Pope's Concession, had passed
 the *Po* at the Passage of *Stellata*, in the
Milanese,

Milanese, but after Five Days he returned; A. D. 1524.
 for the King, on the News that the *Ger-*
mans had begun to arrive in the Enemy's
 Camp, and that the Duke of *Bourbon* was
 gone himself into *Germany* to raise more
 Men, thought it proper to keep his whole
 Army together, till it was increased with a
 new supply of *Swiss* and *Grisons*, whom
 he had sent to enlist.

In the mean time the military Opera-
 tions were in a manner at a stand; the
 King indeed continued the Siege of *Pavia*,
 working at the Trenches and Batteries
 without ceasing, whilst the Imperialists lay
 quiet, waiting the Return of *Bourbon*, except
 that the Marquis of *Pescara*, who, for his
 Foresight and Resolution, had the great-
 est Sway in their Councils, and to whom,
 without Dispute, was committed the Ex-
 ecution of all their Resolutions, set out
 from *Lodi* one Night with Two Hun-
 dred Horse and Two Thousand Foot, Marquis
of Pescara
surprises a
Body of
French at
 and unexpectedly entering the Town of
Melzi, negligently guarded by *Girolamo*
 and *Gianfermo de' Trivulzi*, with Two
 Hundred Horse, made them both Pri-
 soners,

A. D. soners, with almost the whole Garrison,
 1524. and *Girolamo* died a few Days after of a
 Wound he received in the Action.

By this time the *Grisons* and *Swiss*
Grisons joined the Royal Army, at whose Com-
 and *Swiss* ing the Duke of *Albany* crossed again the
 join the *Po* at *Stradella*, in the *Piacentine*, the Pope
French not being able to dissuade the King from
 Army. his Enterprize on *Naples*, and, for Fear
 perhaps of giving him Cause of Jealousy, he
 was no longer eager in pressing him against
 it, but thought it proper however to inform
 the Imperialists of the Convention he had
 made with his Majesty, and, at the same
 time to offer anew his Mediation for a
 Peace, which he had Reason to think the
 Parties would now more willingly hear-
 ken to, on account of the Difficulties in
 the Siege of *Pavia*, and the Danger of
 the Kingdom of *Naples*. For this Pur-
 pose he sent *Pagolo Vettori*, the Captain
 of his Gallics, to the Viceroy, to ac-
 quaint him how it had not been in
 his Power, tho' he had earnestly endea-
 voured it, to dissuade the King of
France from invading the Kingdom of
Naples,

The Pope
 sends *Pa-
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 tori* to
 the Vice-
 roy.

Naples, nor could he, without drawing *A. D.*
the War on his own Dominions, which, ^{1524.}
he was not in a Condition to sustain.
refuse a Passage to the *French* Army ;
on the contrary, he was under a Ne-
cessity, for his own Safety, to enter into
new Conventions with the King ; but he
might rest secure that he should not agree
to any Article prejudicial to *Cæsar*, who
he was certain could not take a better
Step, in his present Condition, than to
enter into a Treaty of Peace, which,
that it might be negotiated before greater
Disorders arose, he intreated the Vice-
roy to consent to a Cessation of Arms,
and to deposit, since the King would
not otherwise agree, into neutral Hands
what he and the Duke of *Milan* were
in Possession of in the *Milanese*. When
this should be effected, some proper Ex-
pedient might be found out for making
an honourable Peace, in which it was
intended intirely to separate the Dutchy
of *Milan* from the Crown of *France*, the
Emperor, in Consideration of a proper
Sum of Money, giving the Investiture
of it to a Second Son of the King ; that

A. D. the Duke of *Milan* and Duke of *Bour-*

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
bon should be honourably provided for, and that the Pope, *Venetians* and *Florentines* should engage to join the Emperor against *France*, if the King made any Infringement of what should be stipulated. The Imperial Commanders were sensible of their great Difficulties and Dangers, in being obliged, with such a Scarcity of Money, to sustain at the same Time the War in *Lombardy*, and take Care of the Kingdom of *Naples*, whilst it was manifest they should receive no Subsidies from the Pope and *Florentines*, and whilst they were already certain they should be treated in the same manner by the *Venetians*, who, tho' by enlisting Men they endeavoured to make them believe that they intended to stand to the League, yet deferred with various Excuses its Execution. Wherefore the Viceroy, not being averse from an Agreement, was inclined, for the Security of the Kingdom of *Naples*, to retire thither with his Army. But the Marquis of *Pescara's* Opinion prevailed in the Council, who boldly as well as prudently made it appear that, despising

despising all other Dangers, it was necessary to carry on and continue the War in *Lombardy*, because their Whole depended on a Victory in that Country: That it was not designed to attack the Kingdom of *Naples* with such Forces, nor could they get thither with the supposed Expedition, for they would meet with many fortified Towns, defended by those whose All depended on their Defence, and therefore would hold out at least for many Months, by which time an End, in all Likelihood, would be put to the War in the *Milanese*; and, if with Victory, who could doubt but they should immediately free the Kingdom of *Naples* from the *French*, tho' *Cæsar* kept Possession but of one single Tower? By remaining in *Lombardy* they might possibly conquer both at *Milan* and *Naples*, but by going to *Naples*, *Milan* would be certainly lost, without lessening the Danger of *Naples*, which would immediately become the Seat of the War. And what must be our Hopes in returning thither as conquered? Whereas the *French*, entering in a triumphant Manner, would pre-

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Marquis
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A. D. 1524.  sently have in their Favour the Cry of the People, who always, from their voluble Nature, Hatred and Fear, are every Day ready to meet the Fortune of the Conqueror ; whence the Kingdom of *Naples* would no more defend itself than the Dutchy of *Milan*. Nor has indeed the King of *France* any other View in dividing his Army, whilst he is still doubtful of his Success in *Lombardy*, and beginning a new War whilst the first is depending, than that he expects that, out of so great a Concern for the Kingdom of *Naples*, we should leave him in Prey the Dutchy of *Milan*. Shall we therefore be directed by the Enemy's Counsels, and at their Pleasure march our Army, so often victorious ? What else can it mean than that, to our eternal Disgrace, we are willing to yield up to the Threats of the Conquered that Glory which we have acquired by fighting so often against them ?

THE Viceroy at last submitted, and sent the Duke of *Trajetto* to *Naples* with Orders that, after collecting all the Money that could be got, *Ascanio Colonna* and the

the Barons should attend to the Defence *A. D.*
of that Kingdom ; and, tho' he had ¹⁵²⁴
given a civil Answer to the Pope's Mes-
senger, he now wrote to *Rome* in a
very angry Stile, refusing to hearken to
any Accommodation whatsoever. Hence
the Pope pretending to be driven by Ne-
cessity, because the Duke of *Albany* daily
advanced, declared, not as a Thing be-
fore transacted, that he had made an A-
greement with the King of *France*, only
by a simple Engagement not to molest
one the other : and by a Brief he notifi-
ed the same to *Cæsar's* Agents, in which
he gave his Reasons, which consisted
particularly in the Necessity which had
induced him. This Brief was delivered
to *Cæsar* by *Giovanni Corsi*, the *Floren-
tine* Ambassador, with such softening
Speeches as the Subject required. But
Charles, who hitherto seemed to persuade
himself that the Pope would not so much
as think of abandoning him in his present
Distress, answered in great Heat, that nei-
ther Hatred nor Ambition, nor particular
Views had induced him at first to enter
into a War with the King of *France*, but

A. D. only the Sollicitations and Authority
1524. of Pope *Leo*, at the Instigation, as
he said, of the present Pope, at that
Time Cardinal *de' Medici*, who represented it to him as very dangerous to the public Welfare, that the King of *France* should have any Footing in *Italy* : That the said Cardinal had been the Author of the Confederacy which was made for that Purpose before *Adrian's* Death ; he therefore took it extremely ill, that the Person, who, above all others, ought to have stood by him in Time of Danger, should be the first to abandon him in the Difficulties in which he had himself involved him, and make a Change so hurtful to him without any Necessity. For to what could such a Step be attributed, but to a groundless Fear, whilst *Pavia* defended itself ? He then observed how much he had taken his Interest at Heart since *Leo's* Death, especially in two Conclaves, and how he bestirred himself in favour of his Election to the Pontificate, on a Supposition that, thro' his Means, the Liberty and Welfare of *Italy* would be established. Nor could he

he persuade himself that his Holiness ^{A. D. 1524.} could ever forget the faithless Treatment he had received from the King of *France*, or that he would not consider what he had Reason to hope or fear from a *French* Victory. He concluded, that, neither on the Pope's unjust and unexpected Resolution, nor for any other Accident, he should be wanting to himself; nor would he have it thought that, for Want of Money, he might change his Sentiments; for he would sooner run the Risque of losing all his Kingdoms and his Life, and that he was so determined to put in Execution what he had proposed, that he prayed to God it might not endanger his eternal Salvation.

To these Complaints the *Florentine* Minister replied, that the Pope, after his Election to the supreme Dignity, was no longer bound to act as Cardinal *de' Medici*, but as *Roman* Pontiff, whose Office it was to make it his Business to compose Quarrels between Christians, which he thought so necessary a Duty that he had often writ to his Majesty on that Subject,

A. D. 1524. } ject, and twice sent to him the Archbishop of *Capua* to acquaint him of his just Resolution of being neuter. He had communicated these Sentiments to him when the Admiral left *Italy*, there being no Juncture in which he could treat with greater Honour to himself ; but all the Answer he could draw from your Majesty was, that nothing could be done without the Consent of the King of *England*. He desired *Cæsar* to recollect how much the Pope dissuaded the Irruption into *Provence*, because it wholly broke off all Hopes of Peace ; and how, divining at what after happened, he had foretold that the Necessity laid on the King of *France*, for collecting an Army might be the Cause of greater and more dangerous Combustions in *Italy* : That he had employed the Bishop of *Verona* to persuade the King, after he was in Possession of *Milan*, and the Viceroy to come into some Terms of Agreement ; but that he had not found in either any Inclination to Peace. That he had since, with many cogent Reasons, and in an absolute Manner, refused to grant a Pass for the
French

French Troops through the ecclesiastic State in their Way to the Kingdom of *Naples*. But the King not only paid no Regard to his Speeches, but sent Troops into the *Piacentine*, without waiting for his Answer; which had at last induced him to send *Pagolo Vettori* to the Viceroy to exhort him to a Cessation of Arms, on such Terms as the Times would allow of, and to inform him of the Necessity he was under of securing himself from imminent Danger; especially since the *Venetians* stood in Suspence, and the King of *England* was unwilling to concur in the Defence of the Dutchy of *Milan*, unless *Cæsar* in Conjunction with him, would commence a War in *France*. But when he found that the Viceroy rejected all Proposals, and *French* Troops still advanced he was obliged to make himself sure of the King, and take his Word that he should not be molested, on no other Obligation than not to act against him. But *Cæsar* complained that the Conditions offered to the Viceroy had been unreasonable, for it was required that he should deposit what he was in Possession

A. D. session of, without any Mention being
 1524. made that the King of *France* was to
Cæsar re- do the same; and concluded, that tho'
 fuses to the Marquis of *Pescara*, in counselling
 make a him to come to some Agreement, had re-
 Truce. presented the Camp full of Disorders, and
 his Affairs in a dangerous Situation, yet
 he should not think of suing for Peace,
 but, depending on the Valour of his
 Soldiers, hoped he should obtain a Victo-
 ry whenever the two Armies met.

Duke of *Ferrara* THE Siege of *Pavia* continued all this
 taken into While, tho' with some Intermission in the
 the King's Firing of the Artillery, for want of Am-
 Protection munition. To remedy this Inconveni-
 ency, the King was content that the
 Duke of *Ferrara*, whom he had lately
 received into his Protection, on the Oblig-
 ation of paying down Seventy Thousand
 Ducats, should account for Twenty Thou-
 sand of them in Ammunition, which he
 sent through the *Parmesan* and *Piacentine*,
 the Countrymen, by the Pope's Order,
 furnishing Waggons and Oxen for the
 Carriage; for which heavy Complaints
 were made by the Viceroy, as if such a

and sends
 Ammuni-
 tion to the
 Army.

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Step had been expressly taken with an In- A. D. 1524.
 tent to serve the King of *France*. The
 King, for the safe Convoy of those Stores,
 had sent Two Hundred Horse and Fifteen
 Hundred Foot, under *Giovanni de' Medici*,
 who, from the Beginning of the War, un-
 der a Pretence that the Viceroy looked
 upon him with an evil Eye, and did not
 allow him Money sufficient for marching
 his Men, had quitted the Imperial Ser-
 vice, and entered that of *France*. This
 Escort was thought sufficient for securing
 the Ammunition, because the Duke of
Albany was at Hand, having just then
 passed the *Po*: But the Viceroy and the
 Marquis of *Pescara*, in order to intercept
 this Supply, laid a Bridge near *Cremona*,
 and passed the *Po* with Six Hundred Men
 at Arms, and Eight Thousand Foot, and
 came the first Day to *Monticelli*; but, on
 hearing that the King had sent after them
Thomas de Foix with Part of the Army,
 they speedily repassed the River.

As soon as the Viceroy was retired, the Duke of
 Duke of *Albany* continued his March Albany's
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 through the Country of *Reggio*, and over Naples.

A. D. the *Appennine* Mountains, by the *Car-*
 1524. *fagnana*; but he proceeded so very slow,
 that he confirmed the Belief that the
 King's Design in that Expedition was
 more to frighten the *Germans* into a Peace,
 or to induce them to abandon the Affairs
 of *Lombardy*, than out of Hopes of making
 any Progress. *Renzo da Ceri* joined the
 Duke, near *Lucca*, with Three Thousand
 Foot, that were come on Board the Fleet,
 which, in its Passage, took *Savona* and
Varagine, by Composition, and afterwards,
 returning on the western *Riviera* of *Genoa*,
 kept that City in Awe.

1525. Now follows the Year 1525, in the
 Beginning of which Don *Ugo di Moncada*,
 setting Sail from *Genoa* with the *Spanish*
 Fleet, made a descent with Three Thou-
 sand Men at *Varagine*, which had a
 small Garrison of *Frenchmen*: But the
French Fleet coming to its Relief, under
 the Marquis of *Saluzzo*, the Enemy's
 Squadron, destitute of Foot, retired, and
 the *French* landing, attacked the *Spaniards*,
 and, after killing a great Number, broke
 them, and took Don *Ugo* Prisoner.

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IN the Beginning of this Year the Duke of *Albany* constrained the *Lucchese* to pay ^{Contribution of the} him Twelve Thousand Ducats, and to ^{Lucchese.} lend him some Artillery, then advancing thro' the *Florentine* Dominion, where he was treated as a Friend, he halted at *Siena*, at the Pope's Desire, who, not being able to redress his Grievances by Authority or Force, was resolved to try how far he could prevail with Art and Industry.

CLEMENT was no ways uneasy at the King's getting Possession of the Dutchy of *Milan*, because he imagined that whilst *Charles* and *Francis* had both a Footing in *Italy*, the Apostolic See, and his Pontificate would be secure from the Power of both; and for this very Reason he could not be pleased at the King's making himself Master of the Kingdom of *Naples*, dreading that a Prince, already so powerful, should be Master at the same time of that Kingdom and the Dutchy of *Milan*. Wherefore, seeking Occasion to defer the March of the Duke of *Al-*
bany,

A. D. *bany*, he solicited the King that in his

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Government of
Siena.

Passage he would put the Government of *Siena* on a new Footing; for that City being situated between *Rome* and *Florence*, he was desirous to have it under the Direction of his Friends, as it had been, thro' his means, a few Months before. For Cardinal *Petrucchi* dying in the Pontificate of *Adrian*, *Francesco* his Nephew, aspiring to his Succession in the Government, was opposed, on account of his arrogant Behaviour, by the Magistracy *de' Nove*, tho' they were of the same Party. They applied to the Duke of *Sessa*, *Cæsar's* Ambassador, and to Cardinal *de' Medici*, to alter the Constitution of their City, either by restoring it to its pristine Liberty, or investing *Fabio*, the Son of *Ridolfo Petrucci*, with that Authority, tho' he had not long before stolen away from *Naples*. After this Affair had been long deliberated, on *Clement's* Assumption to the Pontificate, by his and *Cæsar's* Approbation, *Fabio* was at last restored to his Father's Place; but not having the Authority his Father had enjoyed, the City in general inclined to Liberty, the Magistracy *de' Nove* not heartily uniting with him,

nor

nor well agreeing amongst themselves, A. D.
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 the Weakness that attends the Power of
 a single Person, when it is not founded
 on the Love of the Citizens, nor managed
 totally, and in all Respects different from
 the Manner of a Tyrant, was the Cause
 that, notwithstanding the Place was
 guarded with his own People, on a po-
 pular Tumult, excited one Day by his
 Adversaries, without the Help of foreign
 Soldiers, he was easily drove out of the
 City. Wherefore the Pope, who could
 not confide in the Multitude, nor in the
 other Faction, was desirous to replace
 the Authority in the Hands of the Magi-
 stracy *de' Nove*, that he might afterwards
 have it in his Power to place at the Helm
 either *Fabio* or any other amongst them
 whom he should think fit. When a Per-
 son is once suspected, all his Actions are
 misconstrued ; so this Step of the Pontiff
 increased the Notion of the Imperialists,
 that the Capitulation between *Clement* and
 the King contained other Obligations and
 Matters which would produce Effects of
 much greater Importance than a Neutra-
 lity.

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THE Duke's Stay in the Neighbourhood of *Siena* was the Cause that the *Senese*, to free themselves from the Molestations of the Army, conferred a very ample Authority on those Citizens in whom the Pope could confide for settling the Form of Government. After this was accomplished, the Duke receiving some Artillery, and a certain Sum of Money from the *Senese*, proceeded forwards, but with his usual Slowness. From *Monte Fiascone* he repaired to *Rome*, to have a Conference with his Holiness; then crossing the *Tiber* at *Fiano*, he quartered his Men in the Towns of the *Orsini*, where they were assembling new Troops, raised in *Rome* by the Pope's Permission, who gave the same Liberty to the *Colonnas*, who were gathering Soldiers for the Defence of the Kingdom of *Naples*, and had their Head Quarters at *Marino*. But the People in general had but an indifferent Opinion of the Duke of *Albany's* Expedition, both on account of his tardy Motions, and for his Want of Money.

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THE Eyes, Ears, and Thoughts of the Public were now wholly employed on the Affairs of *Lombardy*, which seeming to be drawing to an End, by reason of different Incidents, excited sometimes the Hopes, and sometimes the Fears of each Party. In *Pavia* the Besieged were in great Want of Money, and Ammunition for their Artillery. Their Wine began to fail, and all other Provisions, Bread excepted. The *German* Foot, insolent enough of themselves, demanded their Pay at the Instigation of their Officers, in a sort of a riotous Manner, which gave a Suspicion that they had secretly agreed with the King of *France*. On the other hand the Viceroy, on the Approach of the Duke of *Bourbon*, who was bringing with him from *Germany* Five Hundred *Burgundian* Horse, and Six Thousand *German* Foot, which had been enlisted with Money of the King of the *Romans*, was gone to *Lodi*, where the whole Army was to rendezvous, and, as was thought, would not be inferior to that of the *French*; but there was no Money,

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A. D. 1525. } nor Means of procuring any, for marching or subsisting the Army. They quite despaired of getting Money from the Pope or *Florentines*, as also from the *Venetians*, who, after so many Delays and Excuses, had declared at last to the Protonotary *Carracciolo*, the Emperor's Ambassador, that they should regulate their Proceedings by those of the Pope, by whose Means, it was thought, they had with all Secresy agreed with the King of *France* to stand neuter. They certainly pressed his Holiness to bring into *Italy* Ten Thousand *Swiss*, offering to contribute Half the Expence, that they might not be under any Consternation at the Victory of either Party. The Pope approved of the Scheme, but for Want of Money, and on account of the Pope's natural Indolence, it was executed so slowly, a long Time was consumed before he sent into *Switzerland* the Bishop of *Veruli*, to dispose the *Helvetic* Body to grant his Request.

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THE Difficulties in *Pavia* were, in some measure, removed by the Vigilance and Industry of the Viceroy and other Commanders ; for some Merchants being sent to the *French* Camp to sell Wine, *Antonio da Leva*, at the Sign agreed upon, sent a Party that Way with Orders to begin skirmishing ; which creating a Noise, the Merchants, in the Confusion, staved a large Butt of Wine, and taking out a small Pot, which was concealed in it, containing Three Thousand Ducats, ran with it into *Pavia*. The Receipt of this small Sum made the *Germans* sensible how difficult it was to supply them with Money, and made them more patient ; and the Death of their Leader now happening, so opportunely that it was believed he was poisoned by *Antonio da Leva*, removed the main Fomenter of the Tumults.

IN the mean time the Marquis of *Pescara* laid Siege to *Casciano*, guarded by Fifty Horse, and Four Hundred *Italian* Foot, which he obliged to surrender at

A. D. Discretion. But *Bourbon* being now arrived with the *German* Foot, nothing else retarded the Generals, anxious for the Danger of *Pavia*, but the extream Want of Money ; for they not only had not a Sufficiency to pay the Army, but laboured under great Difficulties how to raise what was necessary for moving the Ammunition and Artillery. In so great a Distress, by flattering the Soldiery with the Honour and Riches they would acquire by gaining a Victory, reminding them of their Profits in former Battles, and raising their natural Indignation against the *French*, they prevailed on the *Spanish* Foot to promise that they would serve for a Month without demanding any Money, and the *Germans* to be satisfied with what would barely suffice for purchasing necessary Food. But the greatest Difficulty was how to content the Men at Arms and Light Horse, that were quartered in the Villages of the *Ghiaradadda* and *Cremonese*. They had not received for a long Time any Pay, and represented that it was impossible for them to follow the Army without Money

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their Pay.

Money to provide for themselves and their Horses. They complained that their Service was less valued than that of the Foot, amongst whom, at times, some Money had been distributed, but none to them for a long time past ; yet they were not inferior to them either in Courage or Fidelity, but much their Superiors in Birth and past Merits.

THE Marquis of *Pescara* allayed this Uneasiness by going to their Quarters, and sometimes excusing Matters, sometimes comforting, and sometimes reproving them, represented to them in a winning Manner, that the more they were illustrious for their Virtue and Courage, the more they ought to strive not to be outdone in their Fidelity and Love to *Cæsar*, whose Glory and Honour were not only at Stake at this Juncture, but also all his Dominions in *Italy* : That if they sincerely desired his Grandeur, and earnestly wished him well, they could never have a better Opportunity of manifesting their Sentiments ; and, since they had so often exposed their Lives for his Service, with what

A. D. 1525. Shame must they be branded, if, by an unheard of Resolution, they should refuse to serve for the Want of a few dirty Pence.

and upon the Horse. The Persuasions and Authority of the Marquis had such Effect, that they agreed to serve a Month, and be contented with a very small Portion of their Pay.

THE Army then being assembled, and computed to contain Seven Hundred Men at Arms, the same Number of Light Horse, One Thousand *Italian* Foot, and above Sixteen Thousand between *Spaniards* and *Germans*, they set out from *Lodi* the 25th Day of *January*, and arrived the same Evening at *Marignano*, as if they intended to go to *Milan*, in hopes that either the King, in Fear of losing the City, might break up the Siege of *Pavia*, or that the *French* Soldiery would abandon *Milan*; but after they had passed the River *Lambro*, near *Vidigolfo*, they directed their March to *Pavia*.

THE King paid for Thirteen Hundred Lances, Ten Thousand *Swiss*, Four Thousand *Germans*, Five Thousand *French*,

French, and Seven Thousand *Italians*; *A. D.*

but by the Negligence of the Ministers, ^{1525.} and Frauds of the Officers, the Number of the Foot was much less. *Teodoro da*

Trivulzi guarded *Milan* with Three Hundred Lances, Six Thousand Foot between *Grisons* and *Vallese*, and Three Thousand *French*; but as soon as the Imperial Army moved towards *Pavia*, the King, ordering but Two Thousand Foot to be left in *Milan*, recalled the rest to strengthen his Army. On the

Enemy's March the King held a Council of War, in which *Tremouille*, *Palisse*, *Thomas de Foix*, and several other general ^{The King holds a Council,}

Officers, persuaded the King to break up the Siege of *Pavia*, and post his Army either at the Monastery of the *Carthusians*, or at *Binasco*, which were strong Situations (as there are several in that Country, rendered so by the Canals cut for

overflowing the Meadows) demonstrating ^{is persuaded to raise the Siege of Pavia,} that by this means they might soon obtain a Victory without Blood or Danger, because the Imperial Army, being destitute of Money, could not keep together many Days, but would be obliged to break

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A. D. up, or quarter dispersed in different Towns.

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That the *Germans* in *Pavia*, lest they should be charged with making their Want of Pay an Excuse for covering their Cowardice, had, for several Months, bore patiently that Inconvenience, but would, as soon as the Siege should be raised, demand Payment; and as their Commanders had neither Money nor any apparent Hopes, with which they might, tho' vainly, feed them, they would excite some dangerous Tumult: That nothing else kept the Enemy together, but the Hopes of coming to an immediate Engagement, which being put out of their Power, and the War protracted, they would be brought into Difficulties and Confusion. They laid before his Majesty the Danger of being situated between a Town garri-soned with Five Thousand Foot of a most warlike Nation, and an Army marching to his Succour, powerful for its Number, and for the Valour and Experience of its Leaders and Soldiers, elated with their former Victories, and placing their Hopes in a Battle: That no Infamy attended a Retreat made by Prudence,

Prudence, and not out of Fear; when made to avoid leaving to the Power of Chance what is certain, and when the speedy End put to the War shall demonstrate to the whole World the Reasonableness of this Counsel: And no Victory could certainly be more advantageous, honourable, or glorious, than that which is gained without Loss or Bloodshed: That the chief Praise in the Art of War consisted more in a General's not exposing his Army to unnecessary Dangers, and in rendering vain the Artifices and Designs of the Enemy, than in fighting bloody Battles. The same Counsel was given to the King by the Pope, to whom the Marquis of *Pescara*, under Apprehensions from so great a Poverty in the Camp, had before signified that the Difficulties which *Cæsar's* Army laboured under were such that he almost despaired of Success. But the King, whose Resolutions were intirely governed by the Counsels of the Admiral, laying a greater Stress on vain Rumours, and on every slight and variable Accident, than on Events of Moment and Importance, thought it would be a great Reflection on his Honour,

A. D. ^{1525.} nour, that an Army, in which he was present in Person, should retire with a Show of Fear at the Approach of an Enemy. He let himself also be worked upon by a Suggestion, than which nothing can be more imprudent in a General, that he was in a manner bound to act in Conformity to some idle Words he had dropped, because he had often publicly declared, and signified all over *Italy*, that he would sooner chuse Death than retire from before *Pavia* without taking it. He trusted in the Easiness of fortifying his Camp in such a Manner, as it should not be penetrated by any sudden Assault. He hoped that, on account of the Want of Money, every little Delay would disorder the Enemy, who having no Means to purchase Provisions, and necessitated to plunder the Country for Subsistence, would not be able to keep their Camp. He hoped also to obstruct the Conveyance of Provisions to their Camp, as the greatest Part he knew must come from *Cremona*, because he had taken anew into his Service *Giovan Lodovico Pallavicino*, with a View that

that he might either seize on *Cremona*, in which was a small Garrison, or at least secure all the Avenues by which Provisions might come from that City. These Reasons confirmed the King in his obstinate persevering in the Siege of *Pavia*, and to prevent the Entrance of Succours into that Town he altered the Disposition of his Army. The King himself was at first quartered on the Side of *Borgorato*, at the Abbey of *San Lanfranco*, situated half a Mile beyond *Pavia*, beyond the Road that leads from *Pavia* to *Milan*, and on the River *Tesino*, near the Place where it had been attempted to divide the Waters. *Palisse* with the Van and *Swiss* lay at the *Ronche* in the Suburbs, near the Abbey of *Santa Justina*, and had erected Fortifications at the Churches of *San Piero*, *Sant' Apollonia*, and *San Girolamo*; and *Giovanni de' Medici* was posted with his Horse and Foot at the Church of *San Salvatore*. But, on Advice of the March of the Enemy from *Lodi*, the King removed his Quarters to the Park, at the Palace of *Mirabello*, on this Side *Pavia*, leaving the *Grisons* at
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A. D. *San Lanfranco*, but without altering the
^{1525.} Position of his Van. At last he changed
once more his Quarters, and lodged at
the Monasteries of *San Pagolo*, and *San*
Jacopo, convenient Places, on Eminences
overlooking the Country, very near *Pavia*, but a little out of the Park. *Monf.*
D'Alençon was removed with the Rear to
Mirabello, and for Conveniency of suc-
couring one another Part of the Park
Wall was broke down. The Camp ex-
tended downwards as far as the *Tesino*,
and upwards to the Road that leads to
Milan. By this Disposition *Pavia* was
surrounded, and as the *French* had the
Command of the Rivers *Gravallone* and
Tesino, and of the *Torretta* which lies
over against *Darsina*, the Imperialists
could not get into *Pavia* without crossing
the *Tesino*, or making their Way through
the Park. The whole Care of managing
the Army lay on the Admiral, the King
wasting the greatest Part of his Time ei-
ther in Idleness or in vain Pleasures, with-
out finding Leisure for Business or serious
Thoughts, holding in Contempt all other
Commanders, consulting only with the
Admiral,

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Admiral, and hearkening also to *Anne de Montmorency*, and *Philip Chabot*, Lord of *Brione*, great Favourites, but of little Experience in military Affairs. Nor did the Numbers in the King's Army answer common Report, nor even what the King imagined himself. For one Part of the Cavalry was with the Duke of *Albany*, another was left with *Teodoro Trivulzio* in Garrison at *Milan*, and many having their Quarters situated in the neighbouring Towns and Villages, there never were constantly in the Camp above Eight Hundred Lances at a Time. And as to the Foot, tho', thro' the Frauds of the Captains, and Negligence of the royal Ministers, his Majesty paid for an unreasonable Number, yet they were far short of what was imagined by the Public. The *Italian* Officers, more than the rest, were concerned in the Cheat; for, tho' they received large Sums for great Bodies of Men, they had but small Numbers to pay. The same was the Case with the *French* Foot; and Two Thousand *Vallese* quartered at *San Salvatore*, between *San Lanfranco* and *Pavia*, had been suddenly

A. D. denly attacked by the Besieged, and dispersed.
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IN this Situation of Affairs the Imperial Generals, as soon as they had passed the *Lambro*, approached the Castle of *Sant' Angelo*, which being situated between *Lodi* and *Pavia*, if not in their Possession, would give great Impediment to the Conveyance of Provisions from *Lodi* to the Army. *Pirro*, Brother of *Federigo da Bozzole*, guarded this Place with Two Hundred Horse, and Eight Hundred Foot, and the King a few Days before, unwilling to expose the Garrison to Danger, had sent this *Federigo*, with *Jacques Chabanes*, to view the Strength of the Castle, who reported that the Garrison was sufficient for its Defence. But Experience proved their Mistake, for as soon as *Ferdinando Davalo* approached the Town with the *Spanish* Foot, and had ruined the Defences with the Artillery, the Besieged terrified retired to the Fort, and a few Hours after agreed that *Pirro*, *Emilio Cavriana*, and Three Sons of *Febus da Gonzaga*, should remain

remain Prisoners, and the rest giving up
 their Arms and Horses, might depart on
 their Parole of not serving against *Cæsar*
 for one Month.

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THE King had sent for Two Thousand
Italian Foot of those from *Marseilles*, which
 were in *Savona*. These Troops being ar-
 rived in the Territory of *Alessandria*, near
 the River *Urbe*, *Gasparo Maino*, who was
 in Garrison in *Alessandria* with Seventeen
 Hundred Foot, sallying forth with a few
 of them, fell upon the *Italians*, and find-
 ing them weary with their Journey and
 unguarded, because they had no Suspicion
 of being attacked, broke them with Ease,
 and they fled to *Castellaccio*, where soon
 after they surrendered with Seventeen Co-
 lours. Nor had *Lodovico Pallavicino* bet-
 ter Success in his Expedition: That Of-
 ficer entered *Casal Maggiore* with Four
 Hundred Horse, and Two Thousand
 Foot; and the Town having no Walls
 he made some Fortifications, and soon
 after taking Possession of *San Giovanni*
 in *Croce*, he began from that Place to
 make Excursions all over the Country,

A. D. making it his particular Business to cut off

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Provisions. Wherefore *Francesco Sforza*, who was at *Cremona*, with great Difficulty, got together Fourteen Hundred Foot, which, with a few Horse of *Ridolfo da Camerino*, and those of his own Guards, he sent, under *Alessandro Bentivoglio*, towards *Casal Maggiore*. When they approached that Place, *Pallavicino*, on the 19th of *February*, trusting to his Superiority in Numbers, without waiting for *Francesco Rangone*, who was expected with a Supply both of Horse and Foot, sallied forth and attacked *Bentivoglio*; but whilst he was rallying his Men, who were retiring, he was thrown from his Horse, made a Prisoner, and all his Troops were broken and dispersed.

To these Misfortunes was added an Accident of great Importance to the French: For *Gian Jacopo de' Medici*, of *Milan*, Governor of *Mus*, where he had been once committed by the Duke of *Milan* for the Murder of *Monsignorino Visconti*, having, in the Night Time, laid an Ambush near the Fort of *Chiavenna*, situated

situated on an Eminence at the Head *A. D.*
of the Lake, at some Distance from the ^{1525.}
Houses of the Town, seized on the
Governor as he had been walking out
to take the Air, and carrying him
immediately before the Gate of the
Fort, and threatening to kill him, pre-
vailed on his Wife to deliver up the
Fort; then suddenly, at the Head of
Three Hundred Men which he had
placed in another Ambush, entered thro'
the Fort into the Town, and took it.
This Accident gave such Umbrage to
the Leagues of the *Grisons* that a
few Days before the Battle they recalled
the Six Thousand *Grisons* that were in
the King's Army.

ABOUT this Time the Chevalier *Ca-*
sale came to the Imperial Camp, sent
thither by the King of *England*, with
mighty Promises; for that King began
to grow envious of the Prosperity of
the King of *France*, and, being also pro-
voked that the *French* had taken some
English Ships in the *Scottish* Seas, threa-
tened to make War in *France*, and

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was desirous of supporting the Imperial Army; and for that Purpose had commissioned *Pacey*, who was at *Trento*, to go to *Venice*, and insist, in his Name, on that Senate's Performance of the Articles of the League, to which he thought he might the more easily induce them, because *Cæsar* had put the Investiture of *Francesco Sforza* in the Hands of the Viceroy, with Orders to dispose of it according to the Occurrences of Affairs: King *Henry* also commissioned his Ambassador at *Rome* to solicit the Pope to favour *Cæsar's* Cause, from which he excused himself on account of the late Convention he had made with *France* for his own Security, without engaging to act offensively against *Cæsar*. He complained also that, after the Return of the Army from *Provence*, Twenty Days had passed before he could be informed of their Designs, and whether they had a Mind to defend or abandon the State of *Milan*.

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BUT now the Treaties and Negotiation of Princes, and the Diligence and Sollicitude of Ambassadors were become of little Importance ; for the Armies now approaching, the Result of the whole War, and of the Difficulties and Dangers which had been undergone for so many Months, were reduced to the Fortune of a few Hours. For the Imperial Army, after the Acquisition of *Sant' Angelo*, still advancing, encamped the 1st Day of *February* at *Vistarino*, and the next Day at *Lardirago*, and *Sant' Alessio*, beyond the little River *Lolona*, Four Miles from *Pavia*, and Three from the *French* Camp. On the 3d of *February* they came and encamped in *Prati*, towards the Gate of *Santa Justina*, extending themselves between *Prati*, *Trelevero*, and *la Motta*, and in a Wood near *San Lazzaro*, which Posts were Two Miles and a Half distant from *Pavia*, and a Mile from the Van of the *French*, and Half a Mile from the Ramparts and Ditches of their Camp, and were so near that the Artillery on both

A. D. Sides did considerable Execution. The
 1525. Imperialists had taken Possession of *Belgiojoso*, and all the Towns in the Country behind them except *San Colombano*, which continued in the Hands of the *French*, tho' blocked up so closely that none could stir out. They had found great Quantities of Provisions in *Sant' Angelo* and *Belgiojoso*, and, that they might be more plentifully supplied, they endeavoured to get the Command of the *Tesino*, as they had already of the *Po*, by which they obstructed the Convoys to the *French* Camp. *Santa Croce* was in their Possession, but they did not chuse to quarter Men in the Charter-House, which had been abandoned by the King, when he removed to *Mirabello*, lest the Provisions which must have been conveyed thither might be in Danger. The *French* were in Possession of *San Lazzaro*, but the Enemy's Fire obliged them to quit it.

BETWEEN both Camps was a running Stream called *Vernacula*, which has its Rise in the Park, and, passing between
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San Lazzaro and *San Piero in Verge*, ^{A. D. 1525.} falls into the *Tefino*. The Imperialists intent on passing this Brook, as a Matter of great Importance, that they might advance with the less Difficulty, met with a stout Defence from the *French*, who were assisted by the Depth of the Channel, and the Height of the Banks, which, with the Care that every Particular took to fortify his own Quarter, rendered the Passage very difficult. The King's Quarters in Front, in his Rear, and on the left Flank, had thick Ramparts, surrounded with Ditches, and strengthened with Redoubts, the right Flank being defended by the Wall of the Park, which was reputed very strong. The like Fortifications surrounded the Camp of the Imperialists, who were in Possession of all the Territory of *San Lazzaro*, towards *Belgiojoso*, down to the *Po*, and by that Situation had Plenty of Provisions. The Ramparts of the two Camps were but Forty Paces asunder, and their Redoubts at so little a Distance, that they were within Musquet-shot.

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THIS was the Disposition of both Armies on the 8th Day of *February*; both Sides were continually skirmishing, but each kept themselves in their strong Camp, not chusing to fight to Disadvantage. The Imperialists imagined they had already done great Matters by approaching so near *Pavia*, as to be enabled, in case of a Battle, to have the Assistance of the Garrison. In *Pavia* there was great Want of Powder, wherefore the Imperialists sent Fifty Men on Horseback, each carrying behind him a Bag of Powder: These, in the Night-time, entering the *Milan* Road, waited there till the Imperialists gave an Alarm to the *French* Camp, and then conveyed themselves safely into *Pavia*, from whence *Antonio da Leva* made frequent Sallies, infesting the Enemy by different Ways. One Day he attacked and broke the Garrisons of *Borgorato*, and *San Lanfranco*, and carried off Three Pieces of Artillery, and several Waggon of Ammunition.

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IN this State of Affairs one cannot well express the Vigilance, Industry and Fatigues both of Body and Mind of the Marquis of *Pescara*, who, Day and Night, never ceased to annoy the Enemy by Skirmishes, Alarms, and casting up new Works, always advancing by Trenches, Ditches, and Redoubts. The Imperials were at Work on a Platform upon the Canal, and the *French* greatly annoying the Workmen with Two Pieces of Artillery planted at *San Lazzaro*, they pointed their Artillery that Way, and ruining the Place constrained them to abandon it. The *French* suffered much from the Artillery of the said Platform, and likewise from another erected at *Pavia*; and the *Spaniards* fortified themselves in such a Manner with Redoubts and Ramparts, and were so well disposed, that they annoyed very much the *French* Camp, without receiving much Hurt themselves. The *French* therefore changed the Position of their Artillery, in order to take the *Spaniards* in Flank, whilst they were
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A. D. vigorously continuing their Works, in order to gain Ground Inch by Inch.
 1525. This Position necessarily occasioned frequent Skirmishes, in which the *French* were almost constantly worsted. All this While neither of the Parties intermitted their Operations, on account of the Negotiation of a Truce, of which the Pope's Nuncios in both Armies were continually treating: Nor would the King give any Attention to his intimate Friends, or to the Pope, who often counselled him, in order to avoid so great a Danger, to decamp with his Army from *Pavia*, because, on account of the Enemy's Want of Money, he would necessarily obtain a Victory in a very short Time, and without Blood.

On the 17th Day of *February* the Garrison sallied out and attacked the Regiment of *Giovanni de' Medici*, who gallantly repulsed them, and returning afterwards to shew the Admiral the Spot of Ground where the Action happened, whilst he was pointing out the Particulars, by a Volley of Shot fired from


from a House, he received a Wound *A. D.*
 in the Heel, which broke the Bone, ^{1525.}
 to the King's great Concern, and it was
 necessary to have him carried to *Pia-*
cenza. On account of this Accident
 the Skirmishes were not so frequent and
 vigorous, and the Fierceness of the *French*
 in their Assaults was immediately al-
 layed; whilst those in *Pavia* made eve-
 ry Day bolder Sallies, and having burnt
 the Abbey of *San Lanfranco*, were be-
 come too hard for the *French*, who seem-
 ed very much dispirited. The Marquis
 of *Pescara* on the 20th, before Day, with
 Three Thousand *Spanish* Foot, attack-
 ed the Enemy's Redoubts, and mounting
 the Ramparts, killed above Five Hun-
 dred Foot, and brought off three Pieces
 of Cannon.

AT last the Imperial Generals, being
 sensible they could no longer remain in
 that Situation for Want of Money, and
 considering that, if they retired, not
 only *Pavia* would be lost, but that there
 remained no Hopes of defending the
 other Places they possessed in the Dut-
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A. D. chy of *Milan*, full also of Confidence

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of obtaining a Victory thro' the Valour of their Soldiers, and relying on the Multitude of Disorders in the *French* Army, many of the Enemy's Foot being gone off, and the Number remaining not answering by far to those paid for, on the Night before the 25th of *February*, a Day dedicated according to Christian Rites, to the Apostle *Matthias*, and *Cæsar's* Birth-Day, took a Resolution to march to *Mirabello*, where some Companies of the Enemy's Horse and Foot were posted, with an Intent, if the *French* did not move, to raise the Siege of *Pavia*, and if they moved to try the Fortune of a Battle. With this View, on the Beginning of the Night, to fatigue the Enemy, they often beat to Arms, making a Feint of attacking them on the Side of the *Po*, at the *Tesino*, and at *San Lazzaro*. At Midnight an Order was issued for all the Soldiers to put on a White Shirt over their Arms, as a Sign to distinguish themselves from the *French*. The Horse formed themselves into Two Squadrons, and

and the Foot into Four Bodies; the ^{A. D.} first of which was composed of Six ^{1525.}  Thousand *Germans*, *Spaniards* and *Italians* in equal Proportions under the Marquis *del Guaſto*; the ſecond conſiſted only of *Spaniards*, under the Marquis of *Pescara*, the third and fourth were *Germans*, commanded by the Viceroy and the Duke of *Bourbon*. Arriving at the Park Wall ſome Hours before Day, by the united Help of Bricklayers and Soldiers, they threw down Sixty Braces of the Wall. The firſt Body then marched to *Mirabello*, and the reſt towards the *French* Camp. But the King, on Notice that the Enemy had entered the Park, imagining they were proceeding to *Mirabello*, marched out of his Entrenchments in order to fight in the open Field on even Ground, chuſing rather to fight there on account of the Superiority of his Horſe. At the ſame time he ordered his Artillery to be pointed towards the Enemy, which taking them in Flank did ſome Damage to the Rear. The Imperialiſts in the mean time attacked the King's Squadron

A. D. 1525. *dron*, which used to be commonly the main Battle, but by the March of the Squadrons was become the Van, where the King, fighting very gallantly, sustained the Shock of the Enemy, who however, with their Fire Arms obliged those about him to give Way, till the *Swiss* arriving, and the Cavalry charging them in Flank, the *Spaniards* were repulsed. But the Viceroy, called by the Marquis of *Pescara* to his Assistance, and coming up with the *German Foot*, the *Swiss* were easily broken with great Slaughter, their Valour no way corresponding that Day with the Courage they had shown in former Battles. The King in the mean time, having been with a great Number of his Men at Arms in the Midst of the Battle, and endeavoured to stop the Flight of his Men, after a long Combat, his Horse killed under him, himself wounded, tho' but slightly, in the Face, and in the Hand, and fallen to the Ground, was taken by some Soldiers, who did not know him. But when the Viceroy came up he discovered himself to him, who, after kissing

kissing his Hand with profound Reverence, received him Prisoner in the Name of the Emperor. By this Time *Guaſto* with the first Squadron had broke the *French* Horse posted at *Mirabello*, and *Leva*, who, as some say, had, for this Purpose, demolished so much of the Wall of *Pavia*, that One Hundred and Fifty Horse might sally out abreast, attacked the Enemy's Rear, in such a manner that the whole Army betook themselves to Flight, but were all intercepted and plundered, except the Rear of the Horse under *Alençon*, which retired intire at the Beginning of the Fight.

IT was a received Opinion that the *French*, between killed and drowned in their Flight in the *Tesino*, lost above Eight Thousand Men, and about Twenty of the first Rank of the *French* Nobility, amongst whom were the Admiral, *Jacques Chabanes*, *Palisse*, *Tremouille*, the Grand Ecuyer, *Aubigny*, *Boissy*, and *L'Escud*, who expired of his Wounds soon after he was taken.

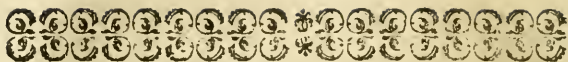
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A. D. 1525. Amongst the Prisoners were the King of Navarre, the Bastard of Savoy, Montmorency, *St. Paul*, *Brion*, *de l'Aval*, *Chandiou*, *Imbercourt*, *Galeazzo Visconti*, *Federigo da Bozzole*, *Bernabo Visconti*, and an infinite Number of Gentlemen and almost all the General Officers, which were not killed. *Girolamo Leandro*, the Pope's Nuncio, was also taken, but released by Order of the Viceroy. Of the Prisoners *St. Paul*, and *Federigo da Bozzole* were committed to the Castle of *Pavia*, but soon after, by corrupting the *Spanish* Guards, found Means to make their Escape.

Of the Imperialists were killed about Seven Hundred, but no general Officer except *Ferrando Castriota*, Marquis of *Sant' Angelo*: The Plunder was so great, that no Soldiers in *Italy* were ever richer. The Marquis of *Pescara* received Two Wounds, one of them with a Musquet, and *Antonio da Leva* was slightly wounded in his Leg. Of so great an Army *Alençon* only, with Four Hundred Lances which he commanded

manded in the Rear, saved themselves *A. D.*
 without fighting, being neither attacked ^{1525.}
 nor pursued; but leaving behind them their
 Carriages, they rode with full Speed into
Piedmont. As soon as the News of this
 Victory reached *Milan*, *Teodoro Trivulzi*,
 who was left there with Four Hundred
 Lances, departed thence towards *Musocco*,
 and was followed by all the Soldiers, in
 scattered Bodies; by which means, the
 same Day the Battle was fought, the whole
 Dutchy of *Milan* was freed from the
French. The Day after the Victory the
 King was conducted to the Castle of *Piz-
 zichitone*, because the Duke, for his own
 Security, would by no means consent that
 he should be conducted to the Castle of
Milan, and except his Liberty, for that
 was guarded with the utmost Care, he
 was, in all other Respects, treated and
 honoured as a King.

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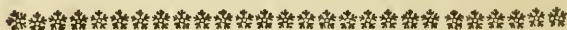


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The Victory of Charles alarms the Italians.

Tumult in Siena. Francis, refusing to sign the Articles offered him, is carried Prisoner into Spain. The Duke of Milan and others conspire against Cæsar. The Marquis of Pescara discovers the Plot, and gets Possession of Part of the Dutchy of Milan. Conditions and Ceremony with which the King of France is set at Liberty.

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THE French Army being thus not only overthrown by the Imperialists, in the Battle fought in the Park of *Pavia*, but the most Christian

Christian King made Prisoner, and the greatest Part of the Officers and the *French* Nobility killed or taken near their King, the *Swiss*, who had hitherto made War in *Italy* with so great a Reputation, having behaved so basely, the Residue of the Army, after losing their Camp, making no Stop till they arrived at the Foot of the Mountains, and, what mightily added to the Reputation of the Conquerors, the *Cæsarean* Generals having acquired so memorable a Victory with so little Blood on their Side, it is not to be expressed what an Astonishment so great an Event excited in all the Potentates of *Italy*, who, finding themselves in a manner wholly disarmed, were struck with the greatest Terror at the Thoughts of *Cæsar's* having so very powerful an Army in the Field, without an Enemy to oppose him. Nor were their Fears so much allayed by what many reported of *Cæsar's* good Disposition and inclination to Peace, without any Desire of usurping the States of others as they were increased on the Confe-

A. D. ^{1525.} ration of the Danger that, moved either by Ambition, a Passion natural to all Princes, or by that Insolence which commonly attends Victories, and besides instigated by the forward Zeal of those who had the management of his Affairs in *Italy*, or, lastly, stimulated by his Council and whole Court, he would not neglect so fair an Opportunity, of itself sufficient to warm the coldest Disposition, to turn his whole Thoughts on making himself Lord of all *Italy*; especially as they were not ignorant how easy it was for any great Prince, and much more for a *Roman* Emperor, to justify their Undertakings under Pretences which might have the Appearance of Reason and Honour. This Fear did not only seize on those Potentates that were of lesser Force and Authority, but even the Pope and the *Venetians* seemed to be more alarmed than the rest. The last, not only from a Consciousness of having, without any just Cause, failed in fulfilling the Articles of their Confederacy, but much more on the Remembrance of the antient Animosities,

sities, and frequent Provocations passed ^{A. D.} between them and the House of ^{1525.} *Austria*, and of the vexatious Wars in which they had but a few Years before been engaged with *Maximilian*, when the Name and Memory of the almost dormant Pretensions of the Rights of the Empire to their Dominions on the *Terra Firma* were strongly revived; and because they were also sensible that whoever aimed at establishing his Grandeur in *Italy* must of necessity apply himself to depress the too exorbitant Power of their Republick. The Pope had Reason for Apprehensions because, setting aside the Majesty of the Pontificate, which had suffered frequent Eclipses from the Greatness of the Emperors, even in those antient Times when a greater Reverence was paid by the World to the Apostolic See, he was in every other Respect exposed to Injuries; for he was disarmed, without Money, and the Ecclesiastic State, in which there are but few fortified Towns, was in a very weak Condition, the People neither united nor steady in their Affections to

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4. D. their Prince, but on the contrary almost
 1525. the whole Dominion of the Church divided into the two Factions of *Guelfs* and *Ghibellines*, the latter, from an inveterate and almost natural Impression, inclined to the Imperial Authority, and the City of *Rome*, above all others, weak, and infected with these Seeds of Contention.

To this must be added *Clement's* Sollicitude for the Affairs of *Florence*, which depending on him, and concerning his own Grandeur, as well as the antient Splendor of his Family, he had their Interests perhaps as much at Heart, as those of the Church. Nor was it less easy to make Alterations in that State than in the others; for the City of *Florence*, after the Expulsion of the *Medici* in the Passage of King *Charles*, having, under the Name of Liberty, tasted the Sweets of popular Government for the Space of Eighteen Years, was become dissatisfied at the Return of that Family, and few of the Citizens were heartily pleased at their Power. The Pope was also extremely

treably apprehensive that to such inviting Opportunities would be added a strong Inclination to fall upon that State. But there were Grounds besides to fear that this Inclination would not abate, not so much because the less powerful is never wholly secure from the Ambition of the more potent, as from an Apprehension that on several accounts his Name was at that Time become odious to *Cæsar*. He reasoned within himself, that tho', during the Reign of *Leo*, and after his own Promotion to the Cardinalship, he had taken a World of Pains for advancing the Grandeur of *Cæsar*, and that tho' *Leo* and himself, with excessive Cost and Danger, had opened the Way to so great a Power in *Italy*, and that after his own Assumption to the Pontificate he had furnished Money to his Generals whilst the Admiral was in *Italy*, and procured a Contribution from the *Florentines*, and had not recalled from the Army the Troops of the Church and of that Republic, yet, either on considering that it belonged to his Office to act

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A. D. 1525. as a Father and common Pastor between Christian Princes, and to be rather a Peacemaker than a Fomenter of Wars, or beginning, tho' late, to be alarmed at so much Grandeur, he had betimes retired from following his Fortune, and therefore would not be persuaded to renew the Confederacy made for the Defence of *Italy* by his Predecessor. And when the Year before *Cæsar's* Army with the Duke of *Bourbon* had entered *Provence*, he had not consented to assist it with Money, which tho' it had given no just Cause for Complaint to the Imperial Ministers, his Holiness not being bound by the League of *Adrian* to act in Concert against the *French* in the Wars of *Italy*, yet this Manner of Proceeding laid a Foundation for their thinking that he no longer heartily concurred in *Cæsar's* Interest, and, on the contrary, greatly lessened the Opinion which they had hitherto entertained of his Faithfulness; acting like Men who, led only by Passion or Necessity, represented it as an Injury, if others did not lend the same Assistance towards carrying on
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their particular Enterprises, concerted ^{A. D.} with a View to seize on *France*, as they ^{1525.} had before done to Undertakings of universal Concern, set on foot with a Pretence of securing *Italy* from the *French* Power. But these Complaints and Dissatisfactions begun and discovered themselves, when the King of *France* marched on his Expedition against *Milan*; for tho' the Pope, as he afterwards wrote in his querulous Brief to *Cæsar*, had privately supplied the *French* with a Sum of Money in their Retreat from *Marseilles*, yet he had never afterwards held any confidential Correspondence with them: But as soon as the King had taken *Milan*, seeing his Affairs in so prosperous a Condition, he had indeed entered with him into Articles, tho' he excused it to *Cæsar* by alledging that his Generals, at that Juncture, not having, for Twenty Days together, let him into any of their Designs, despairing of the Defence of that State, and under Apprehensions also for *Naples*, and the Duke of *Albany* pushing forwards with his Troops towards *Tuscany*, he had been obliged

A. D. 1525. obliged to think of Measures for his own Security. The Regard however to his own Danger had not so much influenced him as not to make him agree on Conditions tending as much to *Cæsar's* Interest as his own, and not to despise the immense Offers made him by the King of *France* to intice him into a Confederacy with him.

BUT his Excuses had not been sufficient to quiet the Minds of *Cæsar* and his Ministers, who were under great Concern, not so much because they saw themselves wholly deprived of any Hopes of future Subsidies from him, as because they doubted that the Capitulation contained something more than an Obligation to a bare Neutrality, because they thought that on all Occasions he had spoken too favourably of the *French* Enterprize, and were also apprehensive that he had drawn in the *Venetians* to follow his Example, the Truth of which was afterwards confirmed by Letters and Briefs found in the King's Tent after the Battle. In the

the last Place these Jealousies and Dissatisfactions were greatly increased, when ^{A. D. 1525.} the Pope permitted the Ammunition, furnished by the Duke of *Ferarra* to the *French* King at the Siege of *Pavia*, to pass through his Dominions, and to be forwarded by the Assistance of his Subjects, but much more at the March of the Duke of *Albany* on the Enterprize against the Kingdom of *Naples*; for he was not only treated as a Friend through all the Ecclesiastic and *Florentine* States, but also stopped many Days about *Siena*, in order to reform, at the Request of the Pontiff, the Government of that City. And tho' this Stay protracted the March of the Duke to the Kingdom of *Naples*, and had been procured by *Clement* principally for that Purpose, because he would have been very uneasy to see the same Person Lord of *Naples* and *Milan*, yet the Imperialists had put such a Construction on this Step, as to infer that the Convention between him and the King of *France* contained something more than a simple Engagement not to act offen-

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offensively against each other. On these Considerations the Pope had just Reason to fear, not only, like all the rest of the *Italian* Powers, that, when proper Time and Occasion offered, he should be attacked by the Imperialists, but that the State of the Church, or that of the *Florentines*, would be immediately invaded without waiting for a fairer Opportunity. And this Fear was increased when the Duke of *Albany*, on advice of the King's Misfortune, having retired, for his Security, from *Monte Rotondo* towards *Bracciano*, and ordered thither One Hundred and Fifty of his Horse from *Rome* (which the Pope, on receiving Intelligence that the Duke of *Sessa* and the Imperialists were preparing to fall upon them, caused to be escorted thither by his own Guards) it happened that Four Hundred Horse and Twelve Hundred Foot of the Troops of the *Orsini*, in their March from *Sermoneta*, being pursued by *Giulio Colonna* with a good Body of Horse and Foot, were routed by him at the Abby of the *Three Fountains*, and flying

flying into *Rome* for Shelter thro' the Gates of *San Pagolo* and *San Sebastiano*, ^{A. D. 1525.} the *Colonnas* entered with them, and in *Campo di Fiore*, and other Parts of the Town put some of them to the Sword, which causing a great Tumult the whole City rose up in Arms, to the great Terror of the Pontiff, which was succeeded by no less Indignation at the little Reverence and Respect paid to his Authority.

BUT in the Midst of all these Doubts and extream Anxiety of Mind, his Holiness was seasonably relieved by Encouragements and Offers from the *Venetians*, who, being equally affected with the same Teror, endeavoured, with the most earnest Instances, to persuade him to join with them in sending immediately for Ten Thousand *Swiss* into *Italy*, and enlist a large Body of *Italians* to make a Resistance against so great a Danger; promising at the same time, according to their Custom, to do, for their Part, much more than they intended to perform. They represented
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A. D. to the Pontiff that the *German* Foot
^{1525.} who assisted at the Defence of *Pavia*
had not for several Months received
their Pay, and finding after the Vic-
tory the same Difficulties in their Pay-
ments had made a Mutiny, and seiz-
ing on the Artillery had fortified them-
selves in *Pavia*: That on the same ac-
count all the rest of *Cæsar's* Army
were become tumultuous, and would
grow so more and more every Day,
the Commanders not being able to pay
them: That on these Grounds, if
his Holiness joined with their Republic
in making a powerful Armament, if
they mutually put their Dominions in
a State of Defence, and improved the
Opportunity, the Imperialists, involved
in those Difficulties, and under a Ne-
cessity of constantly keeping a large
Body of Forces as a Guard on their
Royal Prisoner, would fall into Disor-
ders of themselves. Besides it was not
to be doubted but that the Princess
Regent in whom the whole Power
of the *French* Government resided, ar-
dently desirous of such a Conjunction,
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would, at their Request, not only order *A. D.* the Duke of *Albany* immediately to ^{1525.} hasten to their Assistance with his own Troops, and the Four Hundred Lances of the Rear, who had retired from the Battle, and saved themselves, but would, with the Concurrence of the whole *French* Nation, contribute large Sums of Money for the Safety of *Italy*, as knowing that on this Liberality depended, in a great measure, the Hopes of recovering her Son: That this Resolution was certainly the best if taken speedily, but Delay might enable *Cæsar* to remedy the Disorders in his Army, and so much the more as any Potentate who did not resolve to put himself in Arms would be under a Necessity of compounding with, and furnishing him with Money, and consequently be himself the Instrument of freeing him from all his Difficulties, and establishing himself in a State of perpetual Subjection. They also gave him Hopes that their Example would be followed by the Duke of *Ferrara*, who, both on account of his antient Depend-

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cies on the *French*, and the Assistance he had given the King in that War, was not without very great Apprehensions : And his Conjunction appeared of no small Importance, on account of the great Conveniency of his State in the Wars of *Lombardy*, and because the City of *Ferrara* was very strong, and extreamly well stored with Ammunition and Artillery, and, as it was reported, very rich in Money.

NEITHER the Hopes of coming off victorious in so difficult an Enterprize, nor the Consideration of Danger at a considerable Distance, for which Time often produces Remedies unthought of, would have inclined *Clement* to give Ear to these Arguments, if the Fears of a present Attack had not induced him to chuse rather to expose himself to a less certain Danger, than to a Danger which appeared greater and more present. The Negotiations therefore were so long carried on between them, till there remained nothing to do but only to draw up the Articles in Writing,

Writing, it was expected every Hour *A. P.* that a Convention would be settled; ^{1525.} so that the Pope, looking upon the Treaty as concluded, posted away *Girolamo Ghinuccio* of *Siena*, Auditor of the Apostolic Chamber, to the King of *England*, to use all his Dexterity for persuading him to oppose the exorbitant Greatness of *Cæsar*, when opportunely arrived the Archbishop of *Capua*, his antient Secretary and Counsellor, who had for many Years been of great Authority with him.

THIS Prelate, as soon as he had heard of the Victory of the Imperialists, had set out for the Camp, to wait on *Don Carlo di Lanoia*, Viceroy of *Naples*, and having informed himself of his Intentions, immediately rode Post to the Pontiff, carrying with him certain Hopes of an Agreement. For the Viceroy and the other Generals had at that Time two Things that employed their Thoughts; one was, to provide Money for satisfying the Army, at which they were in very great Confusion, for

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the other was, to conduct the Person of the King of *France* to a Place where the Difficulty of guarding him would not keep them in continual Uneasiness ; and these two Points being well settled they imagined that Affairs would be in such a Situation as to put it in their Power always to accomplish their Designs. Wherefore they desired an Accommodation with the Pope, proposing to draw out of him a large Sum of Money ; and to dispose him to a more ready Compliance by putting him in a Consternation, and to ease the Dutchy of *Milan*, which was much exhausted, of the Burden of quartering Soldiers, they had sent Four Hundred Men at Arms and Eight Thousand *Germans* to take up their Quarters in the *Piacentine*, not as Enemies, but sometimes pretending that the Dutchy of *Milan* could not maintain so great a Number of Troops, and sometimes threatening to make them pass into the Territory of *Rome*, in order to find out the Duke of *Albany*, if the Troops levied
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by the *Orsini* were not disbanded. But A. D.
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 these Pains were needless ; for as soon as the Pope was satisfied that it lay in his own Power to avoid the present Dangers, he laid aside all other Thoughts, and applied himself with all his Mind to find Means for an Agreement. Wherefore as soon as he had heard the Archbishop he sent to stop the Auditor of the Chamber on the Road, and to remove all Occasions that might obstruct an Accommodation, he procured that the Duke of *Albany* should disband all his Forces, except the Cavalry and Ultramontane Foot, and appointed him Quarters at *Corneto*, receiving a Promise of the *Cæsarean* Ministers that they would also disband their Troops which were about *Rome*, and put a Stop to *Ascanio Colonna*, and other Troops that were coming from the Kingdom of *Naples* ; and he interposed also his Mediation that the *Colonnas*, who had begun to molest the Territories of the *Orsini*, should desist from Hostilities.

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THE Pontiff was desirous, and used all his Endeavours that the *Venetians* might be included in the Convention of which he was treating with the Viceroy : But the Difficulty lay in their refusing to pay the Money demanded of them by the Viceroy, for he required as much Money as they would have spent in the War to which they were to contribute, and that, for the future, they should contribute their Share not in Men but in Money. He made also the same Demand of all those who were comprehended in the Confederacy contracted with *Adrian*. But this Obstinacy of the *Venetians* was of Service to the Pontiff, by giving Suspicion to the Viceroy that they were projecting new Movements.

WHILE these Affairs were under Negotiation, with the surest Prospect of bringing them to a Conclusion, the *Florentines*, by order of the Pontiff, sent the Marquis of *Pescara* Twenty-five Thousand Ducats for the Use of the Army, having first received a Promise from *Gio-*

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van Bartolomeo da Gattinara, deputed by the Viceroy to manage the Treaty at his Court, that this Sum should be reckoned as Part of a larger Sum which they were to pay by Virtue of the new Capitulation. But, a very few Days before this Treaty was concluded, the Duke of *Albany*, who had waited for the Fleet to carry him back into *France*, the same being arrived at *Porto di Santo Stefano*, and the Gallies sent to fetch him off, embarked on board these and the Pope's Gallies lent him by Consent of the Viceroy, tho' no Pass had been granted either to the Fleet or to the Gallies. With the Duke embarked *Renzo da Ceri*, with the Artillery received from *Siena* and *Lucca*, and Four Hundred Horse, and One Thousand *German* Foot, but with a few *Italians*, the rest of the Troops being disbanded, and the Remainder of the Horses, partly sold off, and partly left behind. From the whole Progress of this Expedition it was easy to comprehend that the Duke of *Albany* was sent either with a View to oblige the Imperialists, out of Appre-

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BUT at last, on the first Day of *April*, a Confederacy, in which the *Venetians* were left out, was concluded at *Rome*, between the Pontiff and the Viceroy of *Naples*, as *Cæsar's* Lieutenant General in *Italy*, for whom acted as his Plenipotentiary *Giovanni Bartolomeo da Gattinara*, Grandson to *Cæsar's* Great Chancellor, comprehending the Pontiff himself and the *Florentines* on one Side, and *Cæsar* on the other. The Substance of the most important Articles was: That between the Pope and *Cæsar* there should be a perpetual Friendship and Confederacy, by which each Party shall be obliged to defend with a certain Number of Troops the Dutchy of *Milan*, at that Time possessed, under the Protection

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tion of *Cæsar*, by *Francesco Sforza*, who was nominated as Principal in this Capitulation ; and that the Emperor should take under his Protection the whole State of the Church, and that which was in the Possession of the *Florentines*, and particularly the House of the *Medici*, with the Authority and Prerogative which it enjoys in that City ; paying him on that account at present One Hundred Thousand Ducats, as an Equivalent for what they ought to have contributed in the last War, by Virtue of the League made with *Adrian*, which was pretended not to expire with his Death, it being specified in the Articles that it should subsist for one Year after the Death of any one of the Confederates : That the *Cæsarean* Generals should recal their Troops from the Ecclesiastic State, and not send others to take up their Quarters in the same without the Pontiff's Consent. The *Venetians* were allowed the Term of Twenty Days for entering into their Confederacy on honourable Conditions, which were to be declared by the Pope and *Cæsar* : That the Viceroy should be

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A. D. bound to procure *Cæsar's* Ratification of all these Articles to be returned within Four Months. And the Deputies of the Viceroy obliged themselves by a separate Article, confirmed by an Oath, that, if *Cæsar* should not ratify this Capitulation within the Term above-mentioned, the Viceroy should repay the One Hundred Thousand Ducats, the League however, till the Failure of such Repayment, to remain inviolable. To this Convention were added Three Articles, not connected to the Capitulation but drawn in a separate Writing, and confirmed also by Oath, containing, that, in Matters relating to Benefices in the Kingdom of *Naples*, it should be permitted the Pontiff to exercise that Authority and Jurisdiction which were ordered by the Investitures of the Kingdom: That the Dutchy of *Milan*, for the future, should take its Salt from the Salt-pits of *Cervia*, at the same Price, and under the same Regulations as had been formerly agreed on between *Leo* and the present King of *France*, and confirmed by the Capitulation

lation made by the same *Leo*, in the Year *A. D.*
 1521, with the Emperor: That the ^{1525.}
 Viceroy should be obliged to operate in
 such a Manner that the Duke of *Fer-*
rara should immediately restore to the
 Church *Reggio*, *Rubiera*, and the other
 Towns which he had taken during the
 Vacancy of the *Roman* See by the Death
 of *Adrian* *: That in Consideration here-
 of the Pontiff, as soon as he should be
 put into intire Possession of those Towns,
 should pay unto *Cæsar* One Hundred
 Thousand Ducats, and, whenever he
 should be required by him, absolve the
 Duke from those Censures and Priva-
 tions which he had incurred, though not
 however from the Penalty of One Hun-
 dred Thousand Ducats in which he
 was engaged in case he contravened
 the Covenant made with *Adrian*: Pro-
 vided however, that, as soon as the
 Pope had recovered Possession, it should
 be submitted to Examination whether
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* In this Affair the Viceroy was guilty of a notorious
 Piece of Fraud and Double-Dealing, for at the same time
 he agreed with the Duke, and received Money of him,
 that these Towns should not be restored to the Pontiff.

A. D. these Towns, with *Modena*, belonged to
 1525. the Empire ; if to the Empire they
 should be held in Fee from *Cæsar*. ; but
 if they appertained to the Church, the
 Apostolic See was to remain in free
 Possession.

THIS Step of the Pope was variously interpreted by the Public according to the Difference of Passions and Judgments ; the Multitude especially, who are usually better pleased with specious than mature Counsels, and often take those for generous who make a wrong Estimate of Things, and also all those who make a Profession of desiring the Liberty of *Italy*, blamed him as if, out of Meanness of Spirit, he had neglected the Opportunity of uniting the *Italians* against *Cæsar*, and had assisted with his own Money the Imperial Army to free themselves from all their Difficulties and Disorders: But most of the wiser Sort of People were of a very different Opinion ; for they considered that a Resolution to make Resistance, with new-raised Troops, against a very
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numerous and victorious Army, was by *A. D.* no means prudent : That the Arrival of ^{1525.} the *Swiss* could not but take up a long Time, whence it might easily happen for an Opportunity to be lost were they never so ready to hasten their Coming, of which, however, considering their Nature, and the Blow they had so lately received, there was no Certainty. Nor could any Thing better be expected from the Kingdom of *France*, where so great an Overthrow had left neither Courage nor Counsel, and where was no ready Provision of Money, or Men at Arms, of whom those few who had saved themselves in the Day of Battle, having lost their Baggage, wanted Time and Money to put themselves in new Equipages. This Union * therefore had no other probable Foundation than the Hopes that the hostile Army would not be able to put themselves in Motion for Want of their Pay. But tho' this should be the Case, they

* Of the States of *Italy* against *Cæsar*, the Neglect of which is above imputed to the Pope.

A. D. 1525. they would not by that Means be deprived of the Dutchy of *Milan*, which, as long as it was governed under *Cæsar's* Direction, would always give the Pope very just Reasons for Apprehensions. But this Hope was also very uncertain ; for it was to be feared that the *Cæsarean* Generals by their Authority and Policy, and by proposing the Pillage of some rich City of the Church, or of *Tuscany*, might dispose the Soldiers to march, as we find already that a Part of the *Germans*, only for the Sake of better Quarters, have passed the River *Po*, and spread themselves over the Territories of *Parma* and *Piacenza*, so that, if they had been resolved to have passed forwards, there could have been no Remedy but what would have come too late ; and a Resolution of such Importance, in so imminent a Danger, must have been founded only on the Hopes of Disorders among the Enemy, from which it finally depended on their own Will to disentangle themselves. The Counsel of *Clement* therefore, with respect to the current Times, was prudent and well considered ;
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but it would perhaps have been more ^{A. D.} commendable, if he had used the same ^{1525.} Prudence in all the Articles of the Capitulation, and had turned his Thoughts rather on healing the Wounds of *Italy*, than on opening and exasperating some of the most virulent Kind, in Imitation of those knowing Physicians, who, when the Remedies administered to cure the Indisposition of the other Members increase the Disorders of the Head or Heart, laying aside all Care of slighter Evils, which well wait Time, attend with all Diligence to that which is of most Importance, and most necessary to the Health of the Patient. For the better understanding of this Point it is necessary to go pretty far back, and repeat Part of those Things already, tho' in a scattering Manner, related, and reduce them to one Plan and View.

THE House of *Este*, besides having for a very long Time, under the Title of Vicars of the Church, held the Government

A. D. ^{1525.} vernment of *Ferrara*, were a long while in Possession of *Reggio* and *Modena* by the Investitures of the Emperors, there being no Question at that Time but that these two Cities were under the Imperial Jurisdiction, and possessed them in Peace, till *Julius II.* the Reviver of the almost antiquated Rights of the Apostolic See, and the Author of much Mischief under a pious Title, in order totally to reduce *Ferrara* under the Dominion of the Church, made War upon Duke *Alfonso*. In this War, having met with an Opportunity of wresting from the Duke *Modena*, he kept it at first for himself, as a Place which, together with other Towns as far as the River *Po*, appertained to the Apostolic See, as being Part of the Exarchate of *Ravenna*; but a little after, being under Fear of the *French*, he gave it up to the Emperor *Maximilian*. Nor did this put a Stop to the War against *Alfonso*; for *Julius*, not long after, took from him also *Reggio*, and it was believed that, if he had lived longer, he would have also taken *Ferrara*, being

a most bitter Enemy to *Alfonso*, as well
 out of a pious Intention, with which he
 cloaked his Ambition of recovering to the
 Church whatever was said to have at any
 Time belonged to it, as from Indignation,
 because the Duke had preferred the
 Friendship of the *French* to that of his
 Holiness; and perhaps also from an im-
 placable Hatred which he bore to the
 Memory and Reliques of *Alexander VI.*
 his Predecessor, whose Daughter *Lucre-*
tia was married to *Alfonso*, and had se-
 veral Children the Fruits of that Matri-
 mony. *Julius* dying left to his Succes-
 sors not only the Inheritance of *Reggio*,
 but the same Ambition of recovering *Fer-*
rara, to which they were stimulated by
 the glorious Memory which he seemed to
 have left of himself to Posterity. Where-
 fore this Ambition was more prevalent
 in his Successor *Leo*, than his Regard
 to the Greatness of the House of the
Medici in *Florence*, to which it appear-
 ed more conducive that the Power of
 the Church should be diminished, than
 by an Addition of *Ferrara* to make it
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A. D. more formidable to all its Neighbours.

1525. On the contrary *Leo* having purchased *Modena* bent all his Thoughts on making himself Master of *Ferrara*, but more by Plots and Treachery than by open Force, which was become too difficult, because *Alfonso* seeing himself in such great Danger had employed himself in making his City very strong, had cast a great Number of Cannon, and provided vast Magazines of warlike Stores, and, as it was believed, very large Sums of Money. And *Leo's* Enmity was perhaps greater, but managed with more Secrecy, than that of *Julius*; for, besides a Multitude of Plots by which he several Times attempted to take the Place by Surprise or by Fraud, he brought those Princes with whom he contracted Alliances under an Obligation that at least they would give no Obstruction to this Enterprize. Nor did he only continue this Design in the Life time of his Brother *Giuliano*, and of his Nephew *Lorenzo*, for whose Exaltation it was believed that he had entertained this ambitious Desire, but was
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no less eager in pursuing it after their Deaths. And this Desire was so ardent ^{A. D. 1525.} in him, that many are persuaded that he was hurried on his last rather precipitous than prudent Resolution of joining with *Cæsar* against the King of *France*, in a great measure, by the same Passion; so that *Alfonso*, to satisfy the King of *France*, his only Foundation and Hope, was necessitated to enter on a War in the *Modenese*, while the Army of *Leo* and *Cæsar* laid Siege to *Parma*. And the Duke, meeting with ill Success in this War, would soon have been reduced to very great Straits, had not *Leo*, about this Time, been taken off by a sudden Death, in the Course of his Victories; a Death certainly no less seasonable for *Alfonso* than that of *Julius*.

NOR am I satisfied that his Successor *Adrian* was not possessed of the same covetous Desire, though, being new and unexperienced in the Affairs of *Italy*, he had, in the first Month after his Arrival at *Rome*, absolved the Duke from Cen-

A. D. 1525. fures, granted him the Investiture anew, and permitted him to enjoy all that he had seized during the Vacations of the Church, and had given him Hopes of restoring to him *Modena* and *Reggio*; but, afterwards, upon better Information, he grew every Day more averse to such Restoration. But by the Creation of *Clement* the Duke came under very great Apprehensions that old Times were returning: And indeed justly; for this Pope, had Things succeeded prosperously with him, would have been in the same Disposition with *Julius* and *Leo*. But not meeting as yet an Opportunity to attempt *Ferrara*, he was intent on recovering *Reggio* and *Rubiera*, as more feasible, and the more justifiable because they had been so lately in the Possession of the Church, and on that account would reflect no small Dishonour on him if they were not recovered. Hence arose that Sollicitude in him, which discovered itself many other Ways before, and lastly in the Convention with the Viceroy, when he shewed himself more mindful of that

that Affair than was desired by many, *A. D.*
 who knowing the Dangers impending on ^{1525.}
 all from the Greatness of *Cæsar*, and that
 no Preservative against it was more ef-
 fectual than a hearty, sincere, and ready
 Union of *Italy*, and that they had Rea-
 son to expect every Day either Occa-
 sion or a Necessity of taking up Arms,
 were of Opinion that it would have
 been better for the Pontiff not to ex-
 asperate the Duke of *Ferrara*, and
 force him to throw himself into
 the Arms of the Emperor, considering
 that he was a Prince whose Friendship,
 on account of his Riches, the Conveni-
 ency of his Situation, and his other
 Conditions, was at that Juncture highly
 to be valued, and that he ought rather
 to have embraced a Reconciliation with
 him, and done his utmost for extir-
 pating his Fears and Hatred, supposing
 however that doing a Kindness to one
 who is persuaded that he has received
 so many Injuries, is sufficient to cancel
 in ill-disposed and rancorous Minds the
 Memory of Offences, especially when the
 Favour is bestowed at a Time when it

A. D. 1525. appears to proceed rather from Necessity than good Will.

THE Capitulation being concluded, the Pontiff, not to be wanting in the suitable Offices due to so great a Prince, with the Viceroy's Permission, sent the Bishop of *Pistoja* to visit and comfort the King of *France*. The King, after some general Discourse in the Presence of General *Alarcone*, and intreating that the Pontiff would use his good Offices with *Cæsar* in his Behalf, asked the Bishop, in a low Voice, what was become of the Duke of *Albany*, and receiving for Answer that Part of his Troops was broken, and that he himself, with the rest, had passed into *France*, he was extremely concerned.

Several of the States of *Italy* capitulate with the Viceroy, AT this Time the *Lucchese* agreed with the Viceroy to pay Ten Thousand Ducats, for which he received them under *Cæsar's* Protection. The *Senese* also made an Agreement to pay Fifteen Thousand Ducats, without obliging the Viceroy to favour one Form of Government

Government more than another : For *A. D.*
 on one Side those of the *Monte de' Nove*, ^{1525.}
 who, at the Instances of the Pontiff,
 by means of the Duke of *Albany*, had
 resumed, tho' not as yet consolidated,
 their Authority ; and on the other hand
 those who, for their Profession of aspir-
 ing after Liberty, were commonly called
Libertines, and much animated, by the
 Battle of *Pavia*, to make Head against
 the Government introduced by the For-
 ces of the King of *France*, had each
 Party sent their Agents to the Viceroy to
 render him propitious to their Designs ;
 but, obtaining from him no certain Reso-
 lution concerning their Form of Govern-
 ment, had all readily joined in soliciting
 a Composition. This being made, and
 the Men, sent by the Viceroy to receive
 the Money, being arrived, while the Mo-
 ney was telling, and in their Presence,
Girolamo Severini, a *Senese* Citizen, who
 had been some Time with the Viceroy,
 assassinated *Alessandria Bichi*, the Head *Bichi as-*
 of the new Government, and the Person *sassinated.*
 in whom the Pope had designed that, for

A. D. the present, the whole Authority should
 1525. center. On this Occasion others of the
 Change of Government in Siena. Citizens concerned with *Severini* in the
 Conspiracy taking up Arms, in Con-
 junction with the Populace, who were
 discontented under the Apprehensions
 that the Government had reverted to a
 Tyranny, expelled the Chiefs of the
Monte de' Nove, and new modelled the
 Government, putting it in the Hands of
 the People, who were Enemies to the
 Pontiff, and Adherents to *Cæsar*. These
 Proceedings were not, as it is thought,
 without the Knowledge of the Viceroy,
 or at least his highest Approbation of
 what had been done, considering of what
 mighty Convenience it was for *Cæsar's*
 Affairs to have at his Devotion that po-
 tent City, which has the Advantage of
 Sea-ports and a fertile Territory, is near
 the Kingdom of *Naples*, and is situated
 between *Rome* and *Florence*, though the
 Viceroy and the Duke of *Sessa* had given
 Hopes to the Pontiff that no Alteration
 should be made in a Government introdu-
 ced with his Favour.

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MANY others of the *Italian* Powers followed the Inclination of the above-mentioned, and the Fortune of the Conqueror: among whom the Marquis of *Monferrato* compounded for Fifteen Thousand Ducats, and the Duke of *Ferrara*, who could not so readily settle his Affairs on account of the Relation which they had to the Capitulation made with the Pontiff, and because it was necessary first to be assured of *Cæsar's* Intentions, was content to lend the Viceroy Fifty Thousand Ducats with a Promise of Repayment unless they otherwise agreed. With this Money, and One Hundred Thousand Ducats, promised them by the State of *Milan*, and the Sums for which the *Genoese* and *Lucchese* stood engaged, together with the Money remitted by *Cæsar* to *Genoa* for the Support of the War, but which did not arrive till after the Victory, the Generals employed themselves, as fast as it came, in paying the Arrears due to the Army, sending back from

A. D. Time to Time, as they were paid, the
 1525: } *Germans* into their own Country.

As no Signs therefore appeared that they intended for the present to follow the Course of their Victory against any one, but that, on the contrary, the Viceroy had ratified the Capitulation made with the Pontiff, and was at the same time treating of making a new Appointment with the *Venetians*, which he eagerly desired, the Eyes of all People were turned upon *Cæsar*, to behold in what Manner he would receive the joyful News of the Victory, and to what End he would direct his Thoughts. In that Prince, as far as could be comprehended by outward Demonstrations, appeared Marks of a Mind full of Moderation, qualified easily to resist the Prosperity of Fortune*, and such as could hardly be believed in a Prince so powerful, young, and one who had never seen any

* He ordered a Procession and Supplications for three Days, that this great Success might turn out to the Welfare and Advantage of all Christendom. *Giovio*,

any other than happy Success. For on *A. D.*
Advice of so great a Victory, which he ^{1525.}
received on the Tenth Day of *March*,
together with a Letter from the King
of *France*, written with his own Hand
in a suppliant Manner, and more with
the Spirit of a Prisoner than of a King,
he immediately went to Church to ren-
der Thanks to God, with all Solemnity,
for so great Success; and the next Mor-
ning, with Marks of the highest Devoti-
on, received the Sacrament of the Eu-
charist, and went in Procession to the
Church of our Lady, without *Madrid*,
where he resided at that Time with his
Court. Nor did he consent, as is custo-
mary with others, that there should be
any Demonstrations of rejoicing by Balls
or Bonfires, or in any other Manner,
saying, that it was proper to make Re-
joycings for Victories obtained over Infidels,
and not for such as are gotten over
Christians. And without shewing, either
in his Words or Gestures, any Sign of
immoderate Gladness, or of being puffed
up in Mind, he answered the Congratula-
tions

A. D. 1525. tions of Ambassadors and of the Grandees who were near his Person, that he was pleased with the Victory, because the Assistance of God, manifestly vouchsafed to him on that Occasion, appeared to him as a Sign that he was, tho' unworthy, in his Favour; and because he hoped that now he should have an Opportunity of giving Peace to Christendom, and of preparing War against the Infidels, and should also be the better enabled to be kind to his Friends, and to pardon his Enemies; adding that, tho' that Victory might justly be accounted all his own, since none of his Friends had assisted him in obtaining it, yet he was willing that it should be common to all. To this Purpose, after he had given Audience to the *Venetian* Ambassador, who justified the Steps taken by his Republic, he said to the Attendants that his Excuses were not true, however he would accept of them as such. After some Days had passed in a Continuation of such like Speeches and outward Demeanor, indicating the highest Wisdom and Goodness, in order
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to proceed with Maturity, according to his Custom, one Day he called a Council, and signified to them that he desired their Advice how to regulate his Conduct with regard to the King of *France*, and what Ends he ought to serve by this Victory; commanding every one to give his Advice with Freedom in his Presence. In consequence of this Command, the Bishop of *Osma*, who held the Office of Confessor to *Cæsar*, made the following Speech :

“ THOUGH we are assured, most glorious Prince, that whatever happens in this lower World proceeds from the Providence of the Supreme Being, which daily gives Motion to Causes, and regulates Events, on some Occasions discovering its Operations in an extraordinary Manner, yet never did it give more evident Tokens of its intervening Power than in the present Victory : A Victory, which on account of its Greatness, the Ease with which it was obtained, and the great Power of the Enemies, who abounded with all the necessary Provisions of War

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The
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the Bishop
of *Osma* to
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every one must own to have been by the express Will of God, and almost miraculous. The greater therefore and more manifest the Favour of Heaven has appeared in this Event, the more strictly is your Majesty obliged to acknowledge it, and to shew all the Marks of a just Gratitude. This Behaviour consists principally in the Direction and Improvement of the Victory in such a Manner as may best promote the Service of God, and answer those Ends for which we may believe it has been granted. And indeed when I consider to what a low Ebb the State of Christendom is reduced, I cannot see that any Thing can be more holy, more necessary, or more pleasing to God, than an universal Peace between Christian Princes, without which we must be sensible that Religion, the Catholic Faith, and a good Life must fall under most manifest Decay and Disrepute. On one Side we have the *Turks*, who, taking Advantage of our Divisions, have made an amazing Progress, and now threaten *Hungary*, the Kingdom of your Sister's Husband.

band. And if they should get Possession *A. D.*
of *Hungary*, as no doubt they will if the ^{1525.}
Christian Princes are not reconciled, they
will have an open Road into *Germany*
and *Italy*. On the other Side this *Lu-*
theran Heresy, so hateful to God, so re-
proachful to him who has Power to sup-
press it, and so dangerous to all Princes,
has now gained such a Footing, that
without due Care it will fill the World
with Heretics, and no Provision can
be made against it but by the Imperial
Power and Authority, which, while
your Majesty is involved in other Wars,
cannot exert themselves for the Extirpa-
tion of this most pernicious Poison. But
besides all this, had we nothing to appre-
hend either from *Turks* or Heretics,
what can be more unseemly, more wick-
ed, and more pestiferous, than that so
much Christian Blood, which might be
gloriously spent for propagating the Chri-
stian Faith, or at least reserved for more
necessary Occasions, should be idly spilt
for the Gratification of our Passions, at-
tended with so many Rapes, Sacrileges,
and horrible Outrages? Evils, of which
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whoever is willingly the Author can never hope for Pardon from God, and which whoever commits out of Necessity, deserves no Excuse if he has not at least a full Intention to redress them as soon as it shall lie in his Power. The End therefore which you are to have in View, ought to be universal Peace among Christians, a Work above all others honourable, holy, and necessary, and which we are now to consider by what Means it may be accomplished. There are three Resolutions which lie at your Majesty's Choice concerning the King of *France*; one of keeping him a perpetual Prisoner; another of setting him at Liberty with Marks of Affection, and in a brotherly Manner, without any other Conditions than such as may serve to establish a perpetual Peace and Friendship between your Majesty and him, and to heal the Sores of Christendom. A Third Way is to give him his Liberty, but with Care to make all the Profit of it that may be possible. Of these Resolutions the first and last, if I mistake not, prolong and increase the Wars. A loving and brotherly

ly Dismission is the only Way to extir- A. D.
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pate them for ever. For who can doubt
that the King of *France*, quite charm-
ed by such generous Treatment, and sin-
gular Liberality, from the Sense of so ex-
traordinary a Benefit, will be more bound
in Mind, and more in your Power, than
he is at present in Body? And if a sin-
cere Union and Harmony should happily
be effected between your Majesty and
that King, all the rest of Christendom will
betake themselves to follow that Road
which shall be marked out for them by
two such Princes. But a Resolution to
keep the King in perpetual Custody, be-
sides incurring the too just Imputation
of Cruelty, and discovering a Mind igno-
rant and insensible of Fortune, is the
ready Way to propagate Wars without
End, since it presupposes an Intention to
conquer all or a great Part of *France*,
which is impossible to be accomplished
without new and very destructive Wars.
If we chuse the Mean between these two
Resolutions, which is to set the Royal
Prisoner at Liberty, but on such Condi-
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tions as to yield us all the Profit that can be possibly be made of it, it is, in my Opinion, more perplexed, and more dangerous than both the others. For whatever Affinity he may contract, whatever Articles or Obligations he may consent to sign, he will always remain an Enemy, and he will never want the Assistance of all those who are jealous of your Majesty's Greatness, whence may be expected new Wars, and those more bloody and more dangerous than the past. I am sensible how much this Opinion differs from the general Sentiment, that it is quite new and without Precedent; but these singular and extraordinary Resolutions may very well become *Cæsar*, nor is it at all surprising that his Largeness of Soul is very capable of such Notions as are above the Comprehension of all other Men, whom he ought to excel in Magnanimity as much as he is advanced above them in Dignity; and therefore he ought to know, above all others, how full of Glory an Act of such

such great Generosity would appear, and ^{A. D.} how much it is the Duty of *Cæsar* to ^{1525.} pardon and shew Kindness rather than to make Conquests: That God has not in vain almost miraculously put into his Hands the Power of giving Peace to the World; that it is incumbent on him, after so many Victories, after so many Favours bestowed upon him by the Almighty, after seeing all his Enemies prostrate at his Feet, to proceed no longer as an Enemy to any Person whatever, but to provide, as a common Father, for the Welfare of all. The Names of *Alexander the Great* and *Julius Cæsar* were rendered more glorious by the Magnanimity of pardoning Enemies, and restoring Kingdoms to the Conquered, than by the Multitude of Victories and Triumphs. Their Example deserves the more to be followed by him who, not proposing to himself, for his sole End, Glory, tho' a very great Reward, principally desires to discharge the true and proper Office that belongs to every Christian Prince. But to come closer to the Point, in order to convince

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those who estimate human Affairs by human Ends, let us consider what Resolution is looked upon to be the most serviceable to those very Ends. I verily think that of all your Majesty's Greatness, there is no Part more marvellous, more worthy, than the Glory you have attained of being hitherto invincible, and of conducting all your Enterprises to a most happy Issue with so much Reputation and Prosperity. This is without Doubt the most precious Jewel, the most singular Treasure among all your Treasures. How then can it be better secured, or more certainly be preserved than by closing the War with so generous and magnanimous an End, by putting the Glory acquired out of the Power of Fortune, and bringing this Ship, laden with Wares of inestimable Value, out of the wide Ocean into a safe Harbour? But let us insist farther; is not that Greatness which is preserved by Free Will more desirable than that which is maintained by Violence? None doubts it, because it is more stable, more easy, more pleasing, and more honourable.

honourable. If *Cæsar* obliges the King of *France* by so signal an Act of Liberty, by so inestimable a Benefit, will not that King always be as a Guardian of him, and of his Kingdom? If he gives so manifest an Assurance to the Pope and to the other Princes, that he contents himself with the States which he has in Possession, and has no Thoughts but how to promote the universal Welfare of Christendom, will they not be satisfied, and renounce all Fears and Jealousies? And when they have no farther Grounds for Apprehensions or Disputes, they will not only love but adore such transcendent Goodness. Thus, with the voluntary Submission of all, will he give Laws to all, and have it infinitely more in his Power to dispose of Christians by Benevolence and Authority than by Force and Imperiousness. Assisted then and followed by all, he will be enabled to turn his Arms against the *Lutherans* and Infidels with more Glory, and with more Opportunities of making greater Conquests, which I see no Reason why we should not as well desire to be

A. D. made in *Africa*, or in *Greece*, or in the
 1525. *Levant*, even tho' the Enlargement of
 Dominion among Christians were attend-
 ed with so much Facility as many, in my
 Opinion, vainly, imagine: For the Pow-
 er of your Majesty is so greatly augmen-
 ted as to become too formidable to every
 one, and if they should perceive that it
 is designed to be carried to a greater
 Height, they will all unite against you.
 The Pope dreads your Power, the *Vene-*
tians are under Apprehensions from it,
 all *Italy* stands in Awe of it, and, if we
 may judge by outward and frequent
 Signs, the King of *England* begins to
 take Umbrage at its Progress. The *French*
 may possibly be for some Months amused
 with Hopes and fruitless Negotiations,
 but at last it will be necessary to deliver
 their King, or they will be thrown into
 Despair, and when desperate they will
 join with all the rest of your Adversaries.
 If the King be set at Liberty on Condi-
 tions of little Advantage to your Majesty,
 where will be the Gain by losing the Op-
 portunity of exercising such extraordina-
 ry Magnanimity, which, if not exerted
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at this Beginning, when you would afterwards seek to display it, will carry with it neither Praise nor Glory, nor the like Grace? If you set him free on Conditions very advantageous and profitable to yourself, he will not observe them; for no Security that he may give can be of such Importance to him, but that he will be much more concerned to prevent his Enemy from becoming so great, as afterwards to have it in his Power to oppress him. Thus shall we have either a useless Peace, or a dangerous War, the Issues of which are uncertain. Whoever has enjoyed a long State of Felicity has the greater Reason to dread the Change of Fortune, and he who once had it in his Power to settle all his Affairs on a good Foundation, feels the bitterest Regret when Things fall out contrary to the Hopes with which he had flattered himself. I trust, *Cæsar*, that I have satisfied your Command, if not with Prudence, yet at least with Affection and Fidelity; and now nothing remains on my Part, but to pray God to give you a Mind and

R 3 Ability

A. D. Ability to take such a Resolution as may
 1525. be most agreeable to his Will, and most
 conducive to the Advancement of your
 own Glory, and finally best suited for
 promoting the Good of the Christian
 Commonwealth, of which, on account
 of the supreme Dignity in which you are
 placed, and because it is manifestly the
 Will of God, it is fit you should be Fa-
 ther and Protector."

CÆSAR heard this Counsel with great
 Attention, and without shewing any
 Sign of Displeasure or Approbation: But,
 after he had been a while silent, he made
 a Sign for others to speak; on which *Federigo*,
 Duke of *Alva*, a Person of great
 Authority in *Cæsar's* Court, made the
 following Speech:

Speech of
 the Duke
 of *Alva*
 to *Charles*
 Vth. " I SHALL hope to be excused, most
 invincible Emperor, if I should confess
 that, as for my Part, I have no Judg-
 ment different from the common Judg-
 ment, nor Capacity of carrying my Under-
 standing to a higher Pitch than that to
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which the ordinary Understandings of *A. D.*
 other Men have arrived ; and, what is ^{1525.}
 more, I shall perhaps be the more com-
 mended if I should advise you to take
 the same Steps, and proceed by the same
 Methods by which your Fathers and
 Grandfathers always proceeded. For new
 and strange Counsels may perhaps at
 first Sight appear more glorious and
 more magnanimous, but are sure to prove
 in the End more dangerous and more
 fallacious than those which have at all
 Times, and with all Men, been approved
 by Reason and Experience. The Will
 of God in the first Place, and, subor-
 dinate to that, the Valour of your Ge-
 nerals and Soldiers have given you a
 greater Victory than has been gained
 by any Christian Prince for these many
 Ages ; but all the Fruits of Success in
 Battles consists in making a right Use
 of the Victory, and not to do this is
 the more disgraceful than not to over-
 come, as it is a greater Fault to be
 cheated of those Things which are in
 the Power of him who suffers the Cheat
 to pass upon him, than of those which
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A D. depend on Fortune. The more then

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are we to beware of taking a Resolution which must in the End create us Shame before others, and Repentance in our own Breasts; and the more important the Affair is of which we treat, the more circumspectly are we to proceed, and to take with Maturity those Resolutions which once found erroneous can never afterwards be rectified; and you are to consider with yourselves that if the King be set at Liberty, he is immediately out of your Reach, but while he is a Prisoner it is always in your Power to release him. And he ought not to wonder at your Slowness, since, if I mistake not, he is conscious to himself in what Manner he would act if *Cæsar* were his Prisoner. The Capture of the King of *France* was certainly a very great Concern, but whoever well considers the Case will find his Dismission to be incomparably greater; nor can it ever be considered prudent to take a Resolution of such great Moment, without very long Consultation, and revolving the Case infinite Times
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in the Mind. I should not perhaps be *A. D.*
of this Opinion, {could I persuade my-^{1525.}
self that the King, if he were at pre-
sent set at Liberty, would acknowledge
so great a Benefit with due Gratitude;
and that the Pope and the other *Ita-*
lian Powers would lay aside their Co-
vetousness and Ambition, together with
their Jealousies. But who knows not
how dangerous it is to found so im-
portant a Resolution on so fallacious and
uncertain a Supposition? Since whoe-
ver well considers the Condition and
Manners of Men will sooner judge the
contrary. For nothing is in its own
Nature more transitory, nothing of a
shorter Date, than the Remembrance of
Benefits, and the greater they are, the
greater Measure of Ingratitude (accord-
ing to the Proverb) is required to pay
them. For he who is either unable or un-
willing to cancel them by Recompensa-
tion, often strives to cancel them either
by Forgetfulness, or by persuading him-
self that they are not so considerable;
and he who is ashamed of having been
reduced to a State that had need of Be-
nefits,

A. D. 1525. nefits, is besides galled at the Thoughts of having received them ; so that the Hatred arising from the Memory of the Necessity under which they were both fallen, operates more strongly in them than the Obligation presented from the Consideration of the Kindness that had been shewed them. Besides, what Nation is there to whom Insolence is more natural or Levity more proper, than to the *French* ? Now where there is Insolence there is Blindness, where there is Levity, there is no Knowledge of Virtue, no Judgment to qualify a Man for discerning the Actions of others, and no Gravity to enable him to estimate what is fit and proper for himself. What then can be expected from a King of *France*, puffed up with as much Pride as can be conceived in a King of *Frenchmen*, but that he burns with Rage and Indignation as being a Prisoner to *Cæsar*, at a Time when he thought himself sure of triumphing over him ? The Memory of his Disgrace will always be fresh in his Mind, and after he is at Liberty he will be so far from
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believing that the Way to obliterate it ^{A. D.}
is by Gratitude, that he will be always ^{1525.}

striving to get the Superiority over you.

He will persuade himself that he is dis-

missed on account of the Difficulty of

retaining him, not out of Goodness or

Magnanimity. Such is the Nature of

Men in general, but is always the Na-

ture of *Frenchmen*, in whom whoever

expects Gravity or Magnanimity must

expect new Orders and Regulations in

human Concerns. Thus, in the Room

of Peace, and Re-establishment of Or-

der and Harmony in the World, new

Wars and Contentions will arise, greater

and more dangerous than the past. For

your Reputation will be lost, and your

Army, which expects the due Fruits of

so great a Victory, deceived in its Hopes,

will no longer exert the same Valour

and Vigour, nor will your Affairs be

attended with the same Fortune, who

will hardly stay with those that would

retain her, much less with such as drive

her away. Nor will the imaginary

Goodness of the Pope and *Venetians*

prove of any other Kind, but, on the

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A. D. contrary, repenting of having suffered

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you to obtain the past Victory, they will do their utmost to prevent you from obtaining any more, and the Fear which they now have of you will prompt them to use all their Endeavours to prevent their falling again under new Fears; and thus, when it is in your Power to hold your Enemies bound with the Chains of Terror and Amazement, you yourself, out of a fond Excess of Goodness, will be the Instrument to free them from those Shackles that they might bid you Defiance. What may be the Will of God in this Case I pretend not to know, nor do I believe it known to others, because we are usually taught that his Judgments are a deep Secret and unsearchable: But if we may venture to guess from such clear Appearances I imagine it favourable to your Greatness, and cannot suppose that he dispenses his Blessings to you in such an Abundance with a Design that you should cast them behind your Back, but in order to render you as much superior to others in
Fact

Fact and Reality, as you are in Right *A. D.*
and Title. To lose therefore so fair an *1525.*

Opportunity, which God has put into your Hands, is wilfully to render yourself unworthy of his Favours. Experience has always demonstrated, and Reason has made it appear, that Success never attends an Affair that depends on many Hands: I much question therefore whether he who imagines that the Heretics can be oppressed, or the Infidels subdued by the Union of many Princes, forms to himself just Notions of the Nature of Mankind. These are Enterprises that require a Prince of such Greatness as to dictate and give Directions to the others, without which all Treaties and Efforts for those Purposes will meet with the same Success for the future as they have had in Times past. For this End, I believe, God has opened you a Way to universal Monarchy, which alone is sufficient to answer these holy Intentions; and it is best to delay the Commencement of the Undertaking, in order to proceed on better and more certain Foundations. Nor suffer yourself
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A. D. 1525. to be diverted from this Resolution by the Fear of so many Confederates who threaten you, for the Opportunity is too great which you have in your Power : For if Matters be rightly negotiated the King's Mother, out of natural Tender-ness, and from a Necessity of recovering her Son, will never suffer herself to be cut off from all Hopes of getting him out of your Hands by an Agree-ment ; nor will the Princes of *Italy* ever unite with the Regency of *France*, knowing that it is always in your Power to break such an Union by delivering the King, and even to make it turn to their Disadvantage. They must of necessity remain in Suspense and Amaze-ment, and at last strive who shall be foremost in receiving Laws from your Imperial Majesty, for whom it will then be glorious to exercise Clemency and Magnanimity, when Affairs are reduced to such a Situation that they cannot help acknowledging you for their Superior. In such Cases did *Alexander* and *Cæsar* exercise these Virtues, freely pardoning Injuries, but were not so inconsiderate

derate as voluntarily to involve themselves afresh in those Difficulties and Dangers which they had overcome. He who acts in this Manner deserves Praise because he has but few Examples, but that Man is not perhaps to be commended for his Prudence who does a Thing for which there is no Example. Wherefore, *Cæsar*, my Opinion is, that the greatest Profit be made of this Victory that is possible, and that with this View the King, always treated with the Honours suitable to Kings, be conducted, if it cannot be into *Spain*, at least to *Naples*; and that in Answer to his Letter you send him a Messenger with a very kind Message, who shall at the same Time propose the Conditions of his Liberty, which may be such as, when they come to be particularly examined, may appear to carry in them a Reward worthy of such a Victory. These Foundations and Ends of your Proceedings being thus settled, Time and Accidents which arise, according to their Nature, will either hasten or retard the King's Deliverance, and shew whether we are

A D. to have Peace or War with the *Italians*,

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to whom at present it may be expedient to give Hopes, and to augment as much as possible the Favour and Reputation of our Arms by Art and Industry, that we might not every Day have occasion to tempt Fortune anew, and may be prepared for an Accommodation with this or that Power, or with all together, or with none, as Opportunity shall direct. These are the Methods which were always pursued by wise Princes, and particularly by those who were the Founders of so much Greatness; they never rejected the Means that offered themselves for their Promotion, nor slackened Sail before a prosperous Gale of Fortune. The same Duty is incumbent on you, to whom belongs in Justice what in some of them might appear Ambition. Remember, *Cæsar*, that you are a Prince, and that it is your Duty to proceed in the Way of Princes; and that no Person divine or human forbids you to embrace the Opportunity of reviving and restoring the usurped and oppressed Authority of the

the Empire, but only obliges you to *A. D.*
 have an honest Mind and Intention in *1525.*
 recovering them by lawful Means. And
 remember above all how easy it is to lose
 great Opportunities, and how difficult to
 acquire them, and therefore that it is ne-
 cessary to strive with all Diligence to keep
 fast Hold of them while we may, and
 not lay our Strefs on the Goodness or
 Prudence of the Conquered, since the
 World is full of Imprudence and Ma-
 lignity. Concluding then that the Chri-
 stian Religion can rely on no other Means
 of Defence but from your Greatness, be
 not wanting to augment it with all your
 Might, not so much for the Interest of
 your own Glory and Authority, as for
 the Service of God, and out of Zeal for
 the universal Good."

It would be impossible to express the
 Satisfaction of the whole Council at this
 Speech of the Duke of *Alva*, every one
 having already proposed in his Mind the
 Empire of almost all Christendom; so
 that there was not a single Member of
 the Assembly, who did not confirm the
 same Opinion, without making any Re-

A. D. 1525. ply, *Cæsar* himself also approving it, tho' rather to shew that he was not willing to reject the Counsel of his Friends than by declaring what Part he was willing to take of himself. He dispatched away therefore *Buren*, a Gentleman of his Bedchamber, and his intimate and well-beloved Confident, to notify his Resolution to the Generals, and to visit, in his Name, the King of *France*, and propose the Conditions on which he might obtain his Liberty. *Buren* having performed his Journey by Land, because the King's Mother, for the more convenient Negotiation of her Son's Affairs, did not hinder the Passage of Couriers and other Persons that came to and from *Cæsar*, went, together with *Bourbon* and the Viceroy, to *Pizzichitone*, where the King as yet remained, and offered him his Liberty, but on such hard Conditions that the King heard them with a vast Deal of Uneasiness.

Condi- For, besides the Cession of the Rights
tions of Li- which he pretended to have in *Italy*,
berty pro- posed to *Cæsar* demanded of him the Restitution
the King of *France*. of the Dutchy of *Burgundy* as his Pro-
perty ;

perty ; that he should bestow *Provence* A. D. 1525.
on the Duke of *Bourbon*, with other
Conditions for the King of *England*
and for himself of very great Importance. To these Demands the King
constantly answered, That he was re- His
solved to die a Prisoner rather than de- Answer.
prive his Children of any Part of the
Kingdom of *France* ; and even if he
should resolve otherwise it would not
be in his Power to perform it, the an-
tient Statutes of *France* not permitting
the Alienation of any Thing belonging
to the Crown without the Consent of
the Parliaments, and of others in whom
resided the Authority of the whole King-
dom, who were accustomed, in the like
Cases, to prefer the universal Safety to
the particular Interest of the Persons of
Kings. Let them demand of him such
Conditions as were possible for him to
execute, and they would find him very
readily disposed to enter into Engage-
ments with *Cæsar*, and to favour his
Greatness. Nor did he omit the Op- His
portunity of proposing different Condi- Proposals.
tions, making no Scruple of very large

A. D. 1525. Concessions out of the States of others, that he might obtain his Liberty without any Obligation to diminish his own. As to the Substance of his Proposals, he offered to take in Marriage *Cæsar's* Sister, Widow of the late King of *Portugal*, with an Acknowledgment that he held *Burgundy* in Right of her Dowry, to which the Children born of that Matrimony should succeed : That he would restore to *Bourbon* his Dutchy, which had been confiscated, and make an Addition to it of some other States ; and in Recompence for *Cæsar's* Sister, who had been promised him, to give him his own Sister, just now become a Widow by the Death of *Alençon* ; to satisfy the King of *England*, and to pay a very large Sum to *Cæsar* for his Ransom ; to resign up to him his Rights to the Kingdom of *Naples* and Dutchy of *Milan* : To engage himself to accommodate him with a Fleet at Sea, and an Army by Land, whenever he should go to *Rome* to receive the Imperial Crown ; which was indeed the same as to promise to give him all *Italy* for a Prey.

Prey. With this Draught of Articles *A. D.*
Buren returned to *Cæſar*, accompanied ^{1525.}
 by *Monſ. Montmorency*, a Perſon at that
 Time very agreeable to the King, who
 afterwards promoted him firſt to the Of-
 fice of Great Maſter, and then to the
 Dignity of High Conſtable of *France*.

BUT when the News came to *France* Conſter-
 of the Deſeat of the Army, and of the *nation in*
 Captivity of the King, the Confuſion *France*
 and Deſpair that ſeized all Ranks of *on the*
 People are beyond Imagination. For to *News of*
 the immense Grief which the lamenta- *the Deſeat.*
 ble Miſfortune of their King excited in
 a Nation naturally moſt affectionate and
 devoted to the Royal Name, was added
 an Infinity of public and private Sor-
 rows : Of a private Kind, becauſe there
 were few in the Court, and among
 the Nobility, who had not loſt in Bat-
 tle Sons, Brothers, or other Kindred, or
 choiceſt Friends ; and of a public Con-
 cernment, on account of ſo great a Di-
 minution of the Authority and Splen-
 dor of ſo glorious a Kingdom : An
 Affliction the more grievous to them,

A. D. as they are by Nature arrogant and
^{1525.} self-conceited, and because they were
apprehensive that so great a Calamity
was but the Beginning of worse Ruin,
their King being taken Prisoner, and the
Heads of the Government, and almost
all the principal Officers of the Army
being either taken with the King, or
killed in the Battle, the Kingdom ex-
hausted of Money, and surrounded with
very potent Enemies : For the King of
England, tho' he had entered into se-
veral Treaties, and seemed irresolute in
many Things, yet a few Days before
the Battle, breaking off all Negotiations
with the King, had publicly declared
that he would pass into *France*, if Af-
fairs succeeded prosperously in *Italy*.
Wherefore it was much to be feared
that *Cæsar* and that King, having so
fair an Opportunity, would commence
a War in *France*, where, because there
was no other Person at the Helm of
Government than a Woman and the
King's little Children, the eldest of whom
was not full Eight Years old, and be-
cause they had with them the Duke of
Bourbon,

Bourbon, a Lord of such great Power A. D. 1525. and Authority in the Kingdom of *France*, every Movement which they might make must be very dangerous.

NOR was the King's Mother, under Conduct of the Lady Regent in *France*. so much Care and Fatigue, out of Love to her Son, and a Regard to the Dan- gers of the Kingdom, without her own proper Passions : For being ambitious, and most tenacious of Government, tho' she was apprehensive that, if the King's Deliverance should be protracted, and some new Difficulties should arise in *France*, she might be constrained to resign the Administration to those who should be commissioned by the States of the Kingdom, yet in the Midst of so much Concern and Preturbation, recollecting her Spirits, and encouraging those who were about her, besides making Provisions as soon as possible for the Defence of the Frontiers of *France*, and for raising vast Sums of Money, as Lady Regent, by whose Order, and in whose Name all publick Business was dispatched, she wrote sup-

A. D. 1525. *She* follicits *her* Son's Liberty. plicatory Letters, full of moving Expressions tending to excite Compassion, by first introducing, and then, by Degrees, soliciting as much as she could a Treaty of Agreement. For this Purpose, a few Days after, she set at Liberty Don *Ugo di Moncada*, and sent him to *Cæsar* with Offers that her Son should renounce all Claims to the Kingdom of *Naples* and the State of *Milan*. That he was content to have the Title to *Burgundy* examined, and that if it was found to belong to *Cæsar* he would acknowledge it in the Name of his Sister's Dowry: That he would restore to *Bourbon* his State with his Moveables which were of very great Value, and the Profits of it which had been seized by the Royal Chamber *: That he would give him his Sister in Marriage, and consent that he should have *Provence*, if it should be judged that he had the better Right to it.

THAT these Negotiations might be the more facilitated, rather than with a Mind

* Or confiscated for the King's Use.

Mind bent on War, the Regentess immediately dispatched proper Persons to *Italy*, to recommend the Safety of her Son to the Pope and *Venetians*, offering, if, for their own Preservation, they would enter into a strict Alliance with her, and take up Arms against *Cæsar*, Five Hundred Lances, and a large Contribution of Money. But her principal Desire, and that of the whole Kingdom of *France* should have been to mitigate the Spirit of the King of *England*, judging, as it was true, that not having him for an Enemy the Kingdom of *France* was out of Danger of being molested. But if that King on one Quarter, and *Cæsar* on another should make an Attack upon them, they would find themselves involved in Difficulties and Dangers. But in a little Time the Regentess began to conceive some Hopes from that Side: For tho' the King of *England*, on the first News of the Victory, had shewed extraordinary Tokens of Rejoicing, and publicly declared that he designed to pass into *France* in Person, and had also sent Ambassadors

Charge without Delay. But this Affair ^{A. D. 1525.} met with no small Obstruction, partly occasioned by himself, and partly proceeding from *Cæsar*, who was not so forward to agree with him as he had been in Times past. For that King demanded in a Manner all the Reward of the Victory for his own Share, as *Picardy, Normandy, Guyenne, and Gascony*, with the Title of the King of *France*, and that *Cæsar*, tho' the Rewards were unequal, should pass into *France* in Person, and bear an equal Share in the Costs and Danger. The Inequality of these Conditions shocked *Cæsar*, and much the more when he called to Mind that in the last Years, when *France* was in the greatest Danger, he had always slackened the Prosecution of the War against it: Whence he persuaded himself that no Strefs could be laid on such an Alliance, and that, as he was greatly exhausted of Money, and tired out with so many Fatigues and Dangers, he had Reason to hope for obtaining more of the King of *France* by Means of Peace, than with Force of Arms, by acting in

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A. D. Conjunction with the King of *England*.

1525. Induced therefore by a Desire of having Children, and furnishing himself with Money, he had an Inclination to espouse the Sister of *John* King of *Portugal*, of an Age fit for Matrimony, with whom he expected to receive in Dowry a very large Sum of Money ; and considerable Contributions, in case the Match should take Effect were offered by his own People, who were desirous to have a Queen of the same Language and Nation, and who was likely to be soon a Mother.

FROM these Causes the Nogotiations between the two Princes meeting every Day with new Difficulties, to which must be added the Inclination which the Cardinal of *York* continually bore to the King of *France*, and the Complaints which he openly made of *Cæsar*, as well for the Interest of his King, as because he thought him beginning to fall into Contempt with *Cæsar*. For that Prince, before the Battle of *Pavia*, had never used to send him any Letters, but such as were written

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ten all with his own Hand, and subscribed “Your Son and Cousin *Charles*,” ^{A. D. 1525.} but since that Victory he had sent him Letters in which was nothing written with his own Hand except the Subscription, which was no longer in Titles that betokened so much Reverence and Submission, but barely his own proper Name “*Charles*.” On these Accounts the King of *England* received the Person sent by Madam the Regentness with very kind Words, and Marks of Respect; and, encouraging her to hope well of future Events, not long after he totally abandoned *Cæsar*’s Interest, and entered into an Alliance with Madam, who contracted in the Name of her Son, in which he caused to be inserted an express Condition, that it should not be lawful to yield, even tho’ it were for the Deliverance of the King, any Thing that was at that Time belonging to the Kingdom of *France*.

Confederacy between
France
and *England*.

THESE were the first Dawnings of Hope on the distressed Country of *France*, when she began to take Breath after her
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A. D. severe Trials and Afflictions; and this
^{1525.} Hope was afterwards continually increased
 Insolence of the Imperialists. by the Conduct of the *Cæsarean* Generals in *Italy*. These Commanders, grown most insolent by so great a Victory, and flattering themselves that all Men must submit, and all Difficulties give Way to their Will and Pleasure, lost the Opportunity of an Agreement with the *Venetians*, violated their Engagements to the Pontiff, and filled him, and the Duke of *Milan*, and all *Italy* with Jealousies, scattering Seeds of new Disturbances, which at last brought *Cæsar* under a Necessity of taking a precipitous Resolution, to the very great endangering of his State in *Italy*, had it not been over-ruled by his old good Fortune, and the most malignant Fate of the Pontiff; Points certainly most worthy of particular Notice, because from such memorable Events are understood the Counsels and Foundations preparatory to them, which are often secret, and many times divulged in a Way and Manner very far distant from the Truth.

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THE Pontiff then had hardly capitulated with the Viceroy, when he received large Offers from *France*, to incite him to a War ; and tho' there were not wanting Encouragements from many to the same Purpose, and the Distrust which he had before conceived of the Imperialists was not diminished, yet he resolved to proceed in all Affairs after such a Manner as to give no Cause for entertaining any Suspicion of his Actions. Wherefore as soon as he understood that the Viceroy had accepted and published the Convention that was made in *Rome*, he caused it to be also published in *St. John Lateran*, without waiting the Arrival of the promised Ratification of *Cæsar*, for the more effectual Demonstration of his Mind, honouring the Publication, which was made the first of *May*, with his Presence, and the Solemnity used at his Coronation. He solicited the *Florentines* to pay the Money they had promised, and employed all his Interest to bring the *Venetians* into an Agreement with the

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Imperialists, who, on the other hand, gave him many just Causes of Complaint. For they would not accept, in Part of the Money promised, the Twenty Five Thousand Ducats paid by the *Florentines* according to his Orders while the Agreement was under Negotiation, the Viceroy having the Conscience to pretend that if it had been stipulated otherwise it had been done without his Commission. The Soldiers also had not evacuated the Dominions of the Church, but, on the contrary, the *Piacentine* was full of Garrisons. To these Grievances from the *Cæsareans*, which perhaps might in some measure be excused by the Want of Money and Quarters, was added that not only in the Change of the State of *Siena*, they gave Suspicions of Disaffection to the Pontiff, but afterwards suffered the Citizens of the *Monte de' Nove* to be abused, and spoiled of their Goods by the *Liber-
tines*, tho', on his frequent Complaints, they had given him Hopes of Redress. But what above all Things gave him most Uneasiness was the Viceroy's hear-
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kening to the Duke of *Ferrara*, and ^{A D.} giving him Hopes that he would not ^{1525.} compel him to evacuate *Reggio* and *Rubiera*, and to prevail with *Cæsar* to take his State under his Protection, tho' he had every Day promised the Pontiff that as soon as the *Florentines* had finished their Payments he would put him in Possession of those Towns. The Pontiff, to solicit the Accomplishment, and to obtain that the Troops should evacuate the State of the Church, sent to him Cardinal *Salviati*, his Legate in *Lombardy*, and deputed Legate to *Cæsar*. The Viceroy assured the Cardinal that he would make the Duke restore *Reggio* by Force of Arms, if he refused to do it voluntarily; but the Effects did by no means correspond with his Words, which being a Point not excusable by a Want of Money, for there would be a larger Sum coming to him on account of the Restitution of those Towns, gave Room for probable Conjectures that it proceeded either from a Desire to humble the Pope, or to gain over the Duke of

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A. D. *Ferrara*, or from a Design, which they
 1525. constantly had in View, to oppress the
 Liberties of *Italy*.

Cæsar re-
 jects the
 separate
 Articles of
 the Trea-
 ty with
 the Pope.

THESE Things gave Suspicion and almost incredible Vexation of Mind to the Pontiff, which were much exasperated by his imagining that these Proceedings were conformable to the Will of *Cæsar*. That Prince, having sent the Pontiff the Letters of Ratification of the Confederacy made in his Name by the Viceroy, delayed to ratify the Three Articles stipulated separately from the Capitulation; alledging that, as to the Retitution of the Towns held by the Duke of *Ferrara*, it was not in his Power to prejudice the Rights of the Empire, nor use Force with that Duke, who declared that he held them in Fee from the Empire. He proposed therefore that this Difference should be decided by a Trial at Law, or by an amicable Composition; and it was understood that he would have been well pleased that the Towns should remain to the Duke under his Investiture,
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for which he should pay him One Hundred Thousand Ducats, paying also to the Pontiff the like Sum for the Investiture of *Ferrara*, and for the Penalty charged on the Contract which he had made with *Adrian*. He alledged that it was impertinent to make an Agreement with his Ministers about supplying the Dutchy of *Milan* with Salt, because the head Profits of that Dutchy, by the Investiture which is granted, tho' not yet consigned, belonged to *Francesco Sforza*: And therefore the Viceroy had not bound himself simply in the Article to bring *Sforza* under an Obligation to take the Salt, but to procure his Consent; which Promise, including in it the Act of a Third Person, was notoriously, as to any Effect of obliging either himself or others, null and invalid. However, out of a Desire to gratify the Pontiff, he would have brought it about that the Duke should give his Consent, had not the Affair no longer concerned his own Interest, but that of another, because the Duke of *Milan*, in Recompence for the Assistance he had received from the

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A D. Archduke, had agreed to take the Salt
 1525. of him; and that he would yet inter-
 pose his Endeavours that his Brother,
 on receiving in Compensation a hand-
 some Sum of Money, should give his
 Consent, not for Perpetuity, as was ex-
 pressed in the Article, but during the
 Life of the Pontiff. Nor did he admit
 of the Article relating to Benefices, un-
 less to what was expressed in the In-
 vestiture were added the Clause, “ what
 had been practised by the Kings his Pre-
 decessors.”

ON account of these Difficulties the
 Pope refused to accept the Letters of
 Ratification, and to send his own to
Cæsar, demanding that, since *Cæsar* had
 not ratified within the Term of Four
 Months, according to the Promise of
 the Viceroy, the *Florentines* should be
 reimbursed the One Hundred Thousand
 Ducats. To this Demand he received
 an Answer, rather captious and cavilling
 than reasonable and solid: That the
 Condition of the Restitution of the One
 Hundred Thousand Ducats was not in-
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serted in the Instrument, but promised, ^{A. D.} in a separate Article, by the Agents of ^{1525.} the Viceroy, with an Oath, nor had any Reference to the Ratification of the Confederacy, which *Cæsar* had ratified within the Term of Four Months, and sent the Letters of Ratification in due Form. The Pontiff also came to have Notice that the Talk of all the Court of *Cæsar* fully discovered their ^{The Pope apprehen-} evil Disposition towards the Affairs of ^{five of} *Italy*, and he knew also that the Gene- ^{*Cæsar's* Power.} rals of his Army went about to persuade him that, in order to secure *Italy* wholly to himself, it was the best Way to cause *Modena* to be restored to the Duke of *Ferrara*, to reinstate the *Ben- tivogli* in *Bologna*, and to take upon himself the Dominion of *Florence*, *Siena*, and *Lucca*, as Towns appertaining to the Empire. Finding himself therefore full of Anxiety and Suspicion, and at a Loss where to apply for Support, and being apprised that the *French* offered to give up *Italy* as a Prey to *Cæsar*, he was of necessity obliged to have recourse to Temporising and Dissimulation.

THE Pontiff was at this Time employed in negotiating an Accommodation between the *Venetians* and the Viceroy, who, besides obliging themselves anew to defend the Dutchy of *Milan* for the future, demanded of them a very large Sum of Money by way of Satisfaction for Non-observance of the past Confederacy. Many were the Reasons which inclined the *Venetians* to yield to Necessity, many which, on the contrary, moved them to stand in Suspense; so that their Counsels were variable, and full of Irresolution. At last however, after many Disputes, astonished, like the rest, at so great a Victory of *Cæsar*, and seeing themselves standing alone and destitute on all Sides, they commissioned their Ambassador *Pietro da Pescara*, who resided with the Viceroy, to confirm the League anew, in the same Manner as it had been done before, but paying *Cæsar*, in Satisfaction for what was past, Eighty Thousand Ducats. But the Viceroy farther insisting, and absolutely determining not to renew the

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Confederacy unless they paid One Hundred Thousand, it happened, as it often falls out in Affairs which are debated with an ill Will, that so much Time was spent in disputing about this small Sum, that the *Venetians* received Notice that the King of *England* was no longer so much incensed against the *French* as had been hitherto apprehended; and besides, such a Multitude of *German* Foot in the Imperial Army, after Payment of their Arrears, were dismissed, that the *Venetian* Senate, secure of not being molested for the present, resolved to stand a little longer in Suspense, and to reserve to themselves, ^{Treaty} as much as possible, the Liberty of ^{between} taking such Resolutions as, from the ^{the Vice-}roy and ^{and} universal Progress of Affairs, they should ^{*Venetians*} conclude to be most for their Advan- ^{miscar-} ^{ries.} tage.

THESE Causes, besides a constant Desire to put the Thing in Execution, stimulated the Viceroy and the other Generals to remove the Person of the *French* King into a secure Place, judg-

A. D. 1525. ing that, from the bad Disposition of all
 around them, they could not keep him
 without Danger in the Dutchy of *Mi-*
lan. They resolved therefore to con-
 duct him to *Genoa*, and from thence by
 Sea to *Naples*, in order to confine him
 in *Castel' Nuovo*, where an Apartment was
 already prepared for him. The King
 was extreemly concerned at this Re-
 solution, for it had been his ardent
 Desire from the Beginning to be con-
 ducted to *Spain*, flattering himself I know
 not whether from imagining the natural
 Disposition of others the same with his
 own, or because Men are apt to deceive
 themselves with vain Hopes of what
 they cagerly desire, that, if he were once
 admitted to *Cæsar's* Presence, he could,
 either trusting to his Goodness, or by
 the Conditions he intended to propose
 to him, easily prevail upon him to set
 him at Liberty. The Viceroy ardently
 desired the same for the Exaltation
 of his own Glory, but being restrained
 from executing his Design by Fear of
 the *French Fleet*, *Montmorency*, by common
 Consent, was dispatched to Madam the
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Regentess, and obtaining of her Six ^{A. D.} Light Gallies of those that were in the ^{1525.} Port of *Marseilles*, on a Promise that, as soon as the King was arrived in *Spain*, they should be restored, he returned with them to *Porto Fino*, whither the Person of the King was already conducted. These Gallies, joined with Sixteen others of *Cæsar's*, that had at first been designed to convey him to *Naples*, and all manned with *Spanish* Foot, on the Seventh Day of *June* set Sail, steering their Course for *Spain* (while not only the *Italian* Princes, but all the Imperial Generals, and *Bourbon*, assured themselves that the King was on his Voyage to *Naples*) and, after a prosperous Navigation, arrived in Eight Days at *Roses*, a Port of *Catalonia*, to the inexpressible Joy of *Cæsar*, who knew nothing till that Day of this Resolution. On the first Notice of the King's Arrival he gave Orders that, in all Places through which he passed, he should be received with the greatest Honours; but took Care however, till it should be otherwise determined, that he should

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he kept under safe Custody, in the Castle of *Sciativa* near *Valentia*, a Castle appropriated by the Kings of *Aragon*, in antient Times, to the Imprisonment of great Men, and in which the Duke of *Calabria* had last of all for many Years been confined. But this Resolution appearing too rigorous to the Viceroy, and very different from the Promises he had made the King in *Italy*, he obtained of *Cæsar*, by his Letters, that, till a new Resolution, he should have a Residence in a Country Seat near *Valentia*, where he had the Convenience of Hunting and other Diversions. After the Viceroy had settled him in this Place under a sufficient Guard, leaving with him General *Alarcone*, in whose Custody he had continually remained, he waited, together with *Montmorency*, on *Cæsar*, to report to him the State of *Italy*, and of Affairs hitherto debated with the King, advising him, for many Reasons, to think seriously of coming to some Agreement with him, since he could expect no sincere Friendship, nor faithful Alliance from the *Italians*.

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Cæsar therefore, after he had heard the *A. D.*
 Viceroy and *Montmorency*, resolved that ^{1525.}
 the King of *France* should be conducted to *Castile*, and confined in the Castle of *Madrid*, a Place at a great Distance from the Sea, and from the Borders of *France*, where, tho' he was treated with all the Ceremonies and Reverence due to so great a Prince, he was under careful and strict Custody, with Leave to ride out several Times in a Day on a Mule. Nor did *Cæsar* consent to admit him into his Presence till an Agreement should either be settled, or brought to such a Forwardness as should give certain Hopes of settling it. And that this Agreement should be negotiated by an honourable Person, and in Effect the same as the King, *Montmorency* was dispatched with Speed to *France*, to procure the Coming of the Dutches of *Alençon*, the King's Sister, a Widow, with full Power to conclude an Accommodation; and, to prevent all Obstacles from new Difficulties, a Truce was soon after made between *Cæsar* and the Government of *France* till the End
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A. D. of *December* next ensuing. *Cæsar* also
 1525. ordered that Part of the Gallies which
 came with the Viceroy should return
 to *Italy*, for conveying the Duke of
Bourbon to *Spain*, without whose Pre-
 sence he declared he would make no
 Agreement; but the Gallies for Want
 of Money were but slowly equipped.

CÆSAR seeming much disposed to an
 universal Peace among Christians, and
 at the same time to put in Order the
 Affairs of *Italy*, solicited with many In-
 stances the Pontiff to hasten the De-
 parture of Cardinal *Salviati*, or of
 other proper Persons, with full Powers.
 And as he had determined to join in
 Matrimony with the Infanta of *Portu-
 gal*, his Cousin-German, and conse-
 quently related to him in the second
 Degree, he dispatched *Lopes Urtado* to
 the Pontiff, to demand a Dispensation,
 having first excused himself to the King
 of *England*, by declaring that he knew
 not how to resist the Will of his Peo-
 ple. By the same *Lopes*, who set out
 at the End of *July*, he sent the Privi-
 leges

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 for a Dis-
 pensation
 to marry
 his Cousin-
 German.

leges of the Investiture of the Dutchy ^{A. D.}
of *Milan* to *Francesco Sforza*, on Con- ^{1525.}
dition of his paying down One Hun-
dred Thousand Ducats, and obliging
himself to pay Five Hundred Thousand
more at different Times, and to take
Salt from the Archduke his Brother.
He also carried Orders for all the Troops ^{His Or-}
in the Marquisate of *Saluzzo*, except the ^{ders.}
Spanish Foot, to be disbanded, that
Six Hundred Men at Arms should re-
turn to the Kingdom of *Naples*, and
the rest remain in the Dutchy of *Mi-*
lan, and that the Marquis of *Pescara*
should be Captain General of the Ar-
my. To these Orders *Cæsar* added that
a Sum of Money which he had re-
mitted to *Genoa* for fitting out Four
Caraques, with an Intention of passing
immediately into *Italy* in Person, should
be appropriated to the Use of the Ar-
my, for he had determined not to
leave *Spain* at present, and that the
Protonotary *Carracciolo* should repair from
Milan to *Venice*, with a Commission
to induce that Senate to a new Con-
federacy, or at least that every one
might

A. D. might be satisfied that all his Actions
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Venetians
 uneasy at
 the Removal of the
 King of
France.

BUT the Removal of the King of *France* into *Spain* had given very great Uneasiness to the Pope and the *Venetians*, because, as the Army of *Cæsar* was pretty much diminished, it appeared to them that, in whatever Part of *Italy* the King's Person was confined, the Necessity of keeping him well guarded would sufficiently embarrass the *Cæsareans*; whence either some Opportunity might easily present itself for setting him at Liberty, or at the least the Difficulty of conducting him to *Spain*, or the little Security of holding him in *Italy*, would constrain *Cæsar* to model the public Affairs by the Patterns of Honour and Justice. But when they saw that he was gone for *Spain*, and that he himself, deceived with vain Hopes by his Enemies, had furnished them with the Means for conveying him into a secure Prison, they perceived that whatever was the Subject of Treaties or Debates
 was

was absolutely in the Power of *Cæsar*, A. D. 1525.
 and that nothing could be founded on
 the Negotiations and Offers of the
French. Hence *Cæsar's* Reputation every
 Day increasing, the Laws of all Proceed-
 ings were begun to be expected from that
 Court.

NOR am I certain whether the Duke The same
 of *Bourbon*, and the Marquis of *Pesca-* creates
ra were not, tho' for different Reasons, Misunder-
 as much dissatisfied that the Viceroy standings
 had, without their Knowledge, conduct- between
 ed the most Christian King to *Spain* : *Cæsar's*
Bourbon, because, finding himself driven Generals.
 out of *France* on account of the Friend-
 ship which he had contracted with the
 Emperor, it more concerned him than
 any other to be present at all the Ne-
 gotiations for an Agreement ; and there-
 fore he was disposed to pass also him-
 self into *Spain*, but being necessitated
 to wait the Return of the Gallies which
 were gone with the Viceroy, he delay-
 ed his Departure longer than he could
 have wished : And the Marquis was
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A. D. not only provoked at his being slight-
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with *Cæsar* for not acknowledging, as
 Marquis of *Pescara* he fancied, in a due Proportion, his
 dissatisfied Merits, and the noble Exploits per-
 on what Grounds. formed by him in the late Wars, and
 especially in the Battle of *Pavia*, from
 which Victory he had acquired more
 Glory than all the rest of the Gene-
 rals, and yet it seemed to him that
Cæsar was lavish enough of his Ac-
 knowledgments to the Viceroy, bestow-
 ing on him all his Praises, and Marks
 of Esteem. This the Marquis no long-
 er able to bear, wrote Letters to *Cæsar*
 full of most bitter Invectives against
 the Viceroy, complaining that he had
 been undeservedly slighted by him to
 such a Degree as not to be thought
 worthy to be at least privy to such a Re-
 solution; and that if Matters had been
 ordered, and Measures taken in pursu-
 ance of the Viceroy's Counsels and De-
 termination, not only the King of *France*
 would not have been taken, but as soon
 as *Milan* was lost the *Cæsarean* Army
 would have abandoned the Defence of
Lombardy,

Lombardy, and retired to *Naples* : That he was gone to triumph for a Victory in which it was notorious to the whole Army that he had no Share; and that being in the Heat of the Battle he lost all Courage and Counsel, and was heard by many to cry out several Times, “ We are undone;” which, if he should deny it, he offered himself ready to prove to his Face, according to the military Laws, with Arms in Hand. The Discontent of the Marquis was increased, because when, immediately after the Victory, he had sent to take Possession of *Carpi*, with an Intention to obtain that Town of *Cæsar* for himself, his Desire was frustrated, because *Cæsar*, having granted it to *Prospero Colonna* two Years before, declared that, tho’ he had never received the Investiture, he was resolved, for the Benefit of *Vespasiano* his Son, to preserve to the Memory of *Prospero* dead that Reward which he had given to the Merit and Services of him living. This Reason, tho’ it was just and grateful, and the Marquis ought to have been pleased with Examples of Grati-

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tude, if on no other account, yet because they increased the Hopes that his great Services would in time come to be rewarded, had however no Effect upon him. For, as he had a high Opinion of himself, he thought it fit that this desire in him, sprung from a covetous Ambition, and an implacable Hatred born to the Name of *Prospero*, should be preferred to all other, tho' never so just, Regards. Wherefore he made most heavy Complaints against *Cæsar* and the whole Council, and lamented his Case so publicly in *Italy*, and with such Detestations of *Cæsar's* Ingratitude, as gave Encouragement to others to attempt the Execution of new Projects. Hence was *Cæsar*, even if he had entertained no Thoughts of making any farther Seizures in *Italy*, furnished with a just Cause, and in a manner necessitated to form new Schemes; and even, supposing that he had ambitious Ends, he had Opportunities of covering them with the most plausible Pretences, and most specious Colourings that his Heart could have wished; and because this was the
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Origin of very great Movements, it is A. D.
 necessary that it should be very particu- 1525.
 larly explained.

THE War which, in the Time of Causes of
Leo X. was commenced by him and new Com-
Cæsar for driving the King of *France* motions in
 out of *Italy*, was undertaken under Pre- Italy.
 tence of restoring *Francesco Sforza* to
 the Dutchy of *Milan*; and tho' in the
 Execution of it, after the Victory was
 obtained, he was put in possession of
 that State, and of the Castle of *Milan*,
 and of the other Fortresses as soon as
 they were recovered, yet, from the
 Splendor and flourishing State of that
 Dutchy, and the Conveniency of its Situ-
 ation, many were still apprehensive, as
 they had been from the Beginning, that
Cæsar aspired to the Sovereignty, fancy-
 ing to themselves that the powerful
 Opposition which he met with from the
 King of *France* was the Cause that as
 yet he concealed his ambitious Desire,
 because he would otherwise have put
 the People in a Ferment, who were
 ardently desirous of *Francesco Sforza*,

A. D. and have stirred up against him all
 1525. *Italy*, which would by no means be satisfied at such an Increase of his Grandeur. *Francesco Sforza* therefore held that Dutchy, but under very great Subjection, and Burdens almost intolerable. For his whole Resort for defending himself against the *French* consisting in *Cæsar* and his Army, he was necessitated not only to respect him as his Prince, but also to stoop to the Will of his Generals, and was forced to maintain those Troops which were not paid by *Cæsar*, sometimes by giving them Money, which he drew from his Subjects with very great Strainings and Difficulties, sometimes by suffering them to live at Discretion, now in one Quarter, then in another of his State, except in the City of *Milan*. These Proceedings, tho' very grievous in themselves, were yet rendered intolerable by the Temper of the *Spaniards*, which is avaricious, fraudulent, and, when they have Room for displaying their natural Disposition, most insolent. The Dangers however which hung over the People
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from the *French*, to whom they were bitter Enemies, and the Hopes that their Troubles would some Time or other have an End, made them bear even beyond their Strength, and more than their Means would admit. But after the Victory of *Pavia* the People could no longer endure to see the same Necessities ceased, since the King was taken Prisoner, and yet to feel themselves labouring under the same Calamities, and therefore demanded that all or the greater Part of the Army should be removed out of that Dutchy. The Duke; who had hitherto enjoyed nothing of the Sovereignty but the bare Name, was eagerly desirous of the Removal, and the more because he apprehended that *Cæsar*, now secure of the King of *France*, would either seize on his State for himself, or grant it to Persons who should wholly depend on him. This Suspicion, which arose from the very Nature of Things, was not a little increased by the insolent Speeches thrown out by the Viceroy before he conducted the King of *France* into *Spain*, and also by the

A. D. 1525. other Generals, and by the Marks of Disrespect which they shewed to the Duke, as well as by their openly wishing that *Cæsar* would oppress him, but much more when *Cæsar* having, after many Delays, put into the Hands of the Viceroy the Articles of the Investiture, that Minister, in offering it to the Duke, had demanded that, for the Reimbursement of the Charges which *Cæsar* had been at for the Acquisition and Defence of that State, he should pay at certain Times One Million and Two Hundred Thousand Ducats: So exorbitant a Charge, that the Duke was obliged to have recourse to *Cæsar* for reducing it to a tolerable Sum*! But these Difficulties raised a Doubt that those extravagant Demands were interposed in order to delay the Investiture. There have since been alledged, by those who have endeavoured to excuse *Francesco Sforza* from Necessity, many other Causes

Cæsar suspected of aspiring to the Duchy of Milan.

Causes of Suspicion.

* The Viceroy in making this Demand affirmed that it was not by way of Sale, for the Emperor had spent a greater Sum in acquiring that State. *Capella.*

Causes that justly raised his Suspicion, *A. D.*
 and particularly his having received ^{1525.}
 Notice that the Generals had appointed
 to detain him, for which Reason, when
 he was called by the Viceroy to a
 certain Meeting, he had refused to go,
 feigning himself sick; and observed the
 same Caution as to all other Places where
 they had it in their Power to offer
 him Violence. This Suspicion, whether
 true or vain, was the Cause that when
 he saw there were but few Troops left
 in the Dutchy of *Milan*, Part of the
Spaniards being gone, first with the
 Viceroy, and afterwards with *Bourbon* in-
 to *Spain*, and many also who had en-
 riched themselves by such vast Plunder,
 having retired one after another into va-
 rious Places, and considered also the
 high Indignation which appeared in the
 Marquis of *Pescara*, applying his Thoughts
 on securing himself from this Danger,
 he entered into Hopes that, with the
 Consent of the Marquis, he might get
 rid of the Army. The Author of this
 Counsel was *Girolamo Morone*, his Great
 Chancellor, and of the highest Autho-
 rity

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 Character of *Morone*.
 rity with him, and for his Wit, Eloquence, Dexterity, Invention, and Experience, and for his often resisting, with the greatest Constancy, the Shocks of adverse Fortune, was a noted Man in our Times, and would have been more so, if those Talents had been accompanied with a greater Sincerity of Mind, a Love of Honesty and Justice, and with such a Maturity of Judgment, as that his Counsels had not been often rather precipitous or imprudent, than honourable and circumspect.

THIS Minister, founding the Mind of the Marquis in their private Conference, pushed the Matter so far that they had under Debate the cutting those Troops in Pieces, and making the Marquis King of *Naples*, provided they could procure the Concurrence of the Pope and *Venetians*. The Pontiff, full of Suspicion and Anxiety, being consulted by the Direction of *Morone*, did not seem at all averse to the Project, but, on the other hand, not to discover the Plot, but to prepare himself a Refuge in case it

it did not succeed, under a Show of *A. D.* Affection, admonished *Cæsar* to keep ^{1525.} his Generals well contented. The *Venetians* embraced the Scheme with great Eagerness, and every one persuaded themselves they should find no less Readiness in the Mother of the King of *France*, who was already sensible that since her Son was arrived in *Spain* his Deliverance would not proceed with that Facility as had been imagined. It is not doubted but that such a Project would have succeeded, if the Marquis of *Pescara* had sincerely proceeded against *Cæsar*; but whether he hearkened to those Counsels at first, or not, there are various Opinions even among the *Spaniards*, and in the Court of *Cæsar* itself. The Generality, making an Estimate of the Times, and of the Movements of Affairs, have believed that, in the Beginning, he really concurred with the rest, but that afterwards, on considering the Multitude of Difficulties that might arise in Process of Time, and deterred especially by the continu-
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A. D. 1525. al Negotiations of the *French* with *Cæsar*, and at last by the Resolution taken to send the Dutcheſs of *Alençon* to *Cæsar*, he took other Measures. Some go farther, and affirm that he ſo long delayed to give Notice to *Cæſar* of the Innovations that were contriving in *Italy*, till Advice of the Plot coming from *Antonio da Leva* and *Marino* Abbot of *Nagera*, Commiſſary in the *Cæſarean* Army, all the Court ſtood amazed at the Silence of the Marquis. But, however the Caſe then ſtood, it is certain that not long after he ſent *Giovanni Battista Caſtaldo* to *Cæſar*, and laid open to him the whole Plot, and by his Conſent continued the ſame Practices; and, what is more, that he might dive into the Thoughts of every one, and deprive them of all Shifts and Power of ever denying that they had given their Conſent to the Plot, he undertook of himſelf to ſpeak of it to the Duke of *Milan*, and perſuaded *Morone* to uſe his Intereſt with the Pontiff, who had very lately conferred upon him the perpetual Government of the City of *Benvento*,

nevento, and with whom the Marquis ^{A. D.} himself corresponded with the greatest ^{1525.} Professions of Friendship and Service, so far that his Holiness deputed *Domenico* ^{League} *Sauli*, a *Genoesè*, with a Brief of Cre- ^{forming} ^{against} ^{Cæsar.} dentials, to confer with him on the same Subject.

THE Articles under Debate were in ^{The Arti-} Substance, That between the Pope, the ^{cles.} Government of *France*, and other States of *Italy* should be contracted a League, of which the Marquis of *Pescara* was to be constituted Captain General; and that the said Marquis, after distributing the *Spanish* Infantry into Quarters in different Places in the Dutchy of *Milan*, should put himself at the Head of those who were willing to follow him, and that the rest with *Antonio da Leva*, who was next to him in Command, should be stripped and put to the Sword: And that the Enterprize on the Kingdom of *Naples* should be undertaken by the joint Forces of all the Confederates in favour of the Marquis, on whom the Pope was to confer the Investiture.

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A. D. 1525. To all this the Marquis seemed to interpose no other Difficulty than that he was willing, before he ventured any farther, to be well satisfied that he could undertake such an Enterprize without staining his Honour and Loyalty, in case it should be commanded him by the Pope. On this Point it came to be considered, to whom the Marquis, who was a Native, and a Baron of the Kingdom of *Naples*, owed most Obedience, whether to *Cæsar*, who, by the Investiture of the Church, had the Profits of the Dominion of that Kingdom, or to the Pontiff, who, by virtue of being supreme Lord, had the direct Dominion. On this Article, both at *Milan*, by Order of *Francesco Sforza*, and at *Rome*, by Appointment of the Pope, the ablest Civilians were consulted very privately, with a Suppression of the true Names.

THE Hopes conceived against *Cæsar* were increased by the Offers of the Princess Regent, who imagining that *Cæsar's* Necessities, or at least his Fears would

would promote the Treaty that was in *A. D.*
Agitation for the Delivery of her Son, ^{1525.}
solicited the taking up Arms, promising to send into *Lombardy* Five Hundred Lances, and to contribute a great Sum of Money towards the Expences. Nor was *Morone* wanting to confirm the Minds of the rest in this Resolution; for, besides demonstrating the Facility, even without the Assistance of the Marquis of *Pescara*, of destroying that Army, which was considerably diminished in Number, he promised, in the Name of the Duke, that if the Marquis did not stand firm to the Measures concerted, as soon as the other Designs were in Readiness, he should be secured in the Castle together with the other Commanders who daily resorted thither to consult. Though these Opportunities appeared very promising, they would not have been thought by the Pontiff sufficient to induce him to take up Arms without the Marquis of *Pescara*, if, at the same time, he had not heard that Provisions were ordered to *Genoa* for fitting out Four *Caraques*,
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A. D. and had also received Information from ^{1525.} *Spain* of *Cæsar's* Inclination to pass into *Italy*. These Advices creating him vast Uneasiness, both from the Condition of the present Times, and from the inveterate Disposition of the *Roman* Pontiffs, to whom nothing used to be more dreadful than the Coming of *Roman* Emperors armed into *Italy*, out of a Desire to obviate that Danger, he dispatched, with Consent of the *Venetians*, privately to *France*, one *Sigismondo*, Secretary to *Alberto da Carpi*, a Person of Dexterity, and a great Confident of the Pope, in order to conclude the Treaty negotiated with Madam the Regentess. *Sigismondo*, riding Post, was murdered in the Night by some Highwaymen, near the *Lago d' Iseo*, in the Territory of *Brescia*. This Accident not coming to Light for many Days, the Pontiff much doubted that the Man had been way-laid, and taken privately into some Place by Orders of the Imperial Generals, and perhaps of the Marquis himself, whose Proceedings, on account of

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Envoy to
France
murdered.

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of the Delays which he interposed, began to be much suspected.

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IN this State of Affairs arrived Dispatches given by *Cæsar* to *Lopes Urtado*, who lying sick in *Savoy*, sent them by a proper Messenger to *Milan*, with Letters Patent, vesting the Office of Captain General in the Person of the Marquis of *Pescara*, who, to continue in the same Dissimulation with the others, pretended that he was not very well pleased with his Advancement, tho' he immediately accepted of the Patent. He carried also a Commission to the Protonotary *Caracciolo* to repair to *Venice* in the Name of *Cæsar*, for inducing that Senate to a new Confederacy, or at least for satisfying all Persons of *Cæsar's* Desire to live in Peace with all Christian Powers. *Francesco Sforza*, who began already to labour under a dangerous Disorder, accepted of the Investiture of the Dutchy, and paid towards the Cost Fifty Thousand Ducats, but did not on that account break off the Negotiation begun with the Marquis.

Marquis of
Pescara
made
Captain
General.

VARIOUS

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Dubious
Step of
Cæsar.

VARIOUS were the Opinions whether these Dispatches or Instructions of *Cæsar* were sincere or artificial; for many believed that it was not his real Intention to give Peace to *Italy*: Others doubted that, under Fear of new Movements, he was willing to keep Men under Suspence with various Hopes; and thought of gaining Time by granting the Investiture, and giving in Appearance a Commission for calling off the Army, which would be highly acceptable to all *Italy*, but that he had given private Orders to his Generals not to remove the Troops. Nor were there wanting afterwards some who persuaded themselves that *Cæsar* was before well informed by the Marquis of *Pescara* of the Plot carried on with *Morone*, and had therefore given such Orders, that they should be obeyed, but should serve for his Justification; and by these Hopes to lull the Minds of the People in Security till a proper Time appeared for putting his Designs in Execution. It being very difficult,
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in so doubtful a Case, to come to the Knowledge of the Truth, especially since it is not known whether at the Time when *Giovanni Battista Castaldo*, sent by the Marquis to make a Discovery of the Plot, arrived at the Court, *Lopes Utardo* had been as yet dispatched; but, considering the Steps taken afterwards by *Cæsar* in many Affairs, it is without Doubt less fabulous to adopt for Truth the better and more favourable Interpretation.

THE Marquis in the mean time continued to entertain *Morone* and the rest with the same Hopes, and yet to delay the Execution under various Pretences, for which he had an Opportunity given him by the Sickness of the Duke of *Milan*, which increased to such a Degree that every one expected his Death. For all the Generals pretending that in such a Case that State would revert to *Cæsar*, the supreme Lord of the Fief, the Marquis would not only be prevented from removing the Army, but be under a Necessity of sending for Two

Marquis
of Pescara
continues
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simulation.

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Thousand more *German* Foot, and to give Orders for keeping in Readiness a greater Number. Such a powerful Body of Forces, quartered in the Dutchy of *Milan*, he alledged would deprive him of the Means of disbanding or injuring them, but gave them Hopes that he would execute the Measures concerted between them as soon as ever it lay in his Power. In the mean time, while an Opportunity was expected, to declare to the World, by his Proceedings, the profound Reverence he had for the Pontiff, he freed the State of the Church from the Garrisons of which his Holiness had made such heavy Complaints.

King of
France
sick and
recovers.

BUT at the same time a new Accident that happened in *Spain* had like to have introduced a new Scene of Affairs: For the King of *France*, extremely mortified at *Cæsar's* refusing to afford him his Presence when he requested it, took it so much to Heart that he fell into a Disorder while he was in the Castle of *Madrid*, which reduced him to such Extremity, that the Physician

Physicians appointed to attend him signified to *Cæsar* that there were no Hopes of his Recovery if he himself did not come in Person to comfort him, and give him Hopes of his Liberty. While he was proposing to go, his great Chancellor dissuaded him, telling him that his Honour required him not to go thither, unless with a Disposition to release him immediately, and without any Sort of Convention: Otherwise it would be not a royal but mercenary Humanity, and a Desire to procure his Recovery not out of a Tenderness of his Health, but purely from a Regard to Self-interest, and a Fear of losing by his Death the Opportunity of reaping the Fruits expected from the Victory: Advice certainly deserving Remembrance, and worthy to be accepted by so great a Prince; but others counselling him to the contrary, he set out Post to pay the King a Visit. The Visitation was but short, because the most Christian King lay, in a manner, at the Point of Death, but full of kind Words, and certain Assurances of Releasement immediately upon Reco-

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A. D. very. And, whatever was the Cause,
 1525. whether the Consolation which he received, or that Youth was of itself superior to the Nature of the Disorder, he began after this Visit to find such Relief, that in a few Days he was out of Danger, tho' he was but slow in recovering his former Health.

BUT neither the Difficulties which appeared on the Part of *Cæsar*, nor the Hopes given by the *Italians*, had diverted the Journey of *Madame d' Alençon* to *Spain*, because nothing was more difficult to the *French* than to break off the Negotiations for an Agreement with those who had it in their Power to restore them their King; and nothing more easy to *Cæsar* than by feeding the *French* with Hopes to divert them from the Thoughts of taking up Arms, and by this Artfulness to keep the *Italians* in Suspence, so that they should not venture to take new Resolutions: And thus sometimes by slackening, sometimes by straining the Reins of his Conduct, he

Artful
 Conduct
 of *Cæsar*.

he held the Minds of all in Confusion and Perplexity.

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MADAME *d' Alençon* met with the Marks of a gracious Reception, and Hopes from *Cæsar*, but the Success of her Affair proved hard and difficult. For in the Conference on the Fourth Day of *October*, when she requested of him his Widow Sister in Marriage for the King, *Cæsar* answered her Demand by saying that it was not in his Power without the Consent of the Duke of *Bourbon*. The other Particulars were debated by Commissioners appointed on each Side, *Cæsar* obstinately insisting on the Restitution of *Burgundy* as his proper Inheritance, and the *French* not consenting unless he would either receive it in Dowry, or have it legally tried to which of the two Princes it belonged; in the other Conditions the Parties might have easily come to an Agreement. But there remaining so wide a Difference between them in the Affair of *Burgundy*, Madam *d' Alençon* at last returned into *France*, without ob-

A. D. taining any other End by her Journey

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Madam
d' Alençon
returns to
France
without
Success.

than the Opportunity of seeing her Brother, who, at parting with her, despairing now more than ever of his Liberty, is said to have ordered her to recommend, on his Part, to his Mother and those of the Council, a strict Regard to the Honour and Benefit of the Crown of *France*, without any Consideration of his Person any more than if he were dead. The Negotiations, however, were not interrupted by her Departure, for there remained the President of *Paris*, with the Bishops of *Ambrun* and *Tarbe*, who had been treating till now, but with small Hopes, *Cæsar* not hearkening to any Condition without the Restitution of *Burgundy*, nor the King consenting to yield it up without the utmost Necessity.

Cardinal
Salviati
Pope's
Legate to
Cæsar.

AT this Time arrived at Court Cardinal *Salviati*, the Pope's Legate: He was received by *Cæsar* with very great Honour, and began to treat of the Heads of his Commission, which principally contained the Ratification of the Articles

Articles stipulated by the Viceroy, soliciting also the Grant of the Investiture to the Duke of *Milan* for the common Security. But the Viceroy himself dissuaded the Restitution of *Reggio* and *Rubiera*, and by his Advice, and encouraged by the Hopes he had given him, the Duke of *Ferrara*, desirous of managing his own Cause at the Court of *Cæsar*, having obtained of the Pontiff a Promise that his State should not be molested by him for six Months, took a Progress as far as the Borders of the Kingdom of *France*, with a Resolution to pass forwards; but the Regentess refusing him a Pass, he returned at last to *Ferrara*.

THERE came also on the Carpet the Cause, between the Pontiff and *Cæsar*, of obtaining a Dispensation for enabling *Cæsar* to join in Matrimony with the Sister of the King of *Portugal*, whom he was determined to marry, tho' he had formerly promised the King of *England* with an Oath, that he would never take any other for his Wife than

A. D. that King's Daughter. The Pontiff
 1525. proceeded but slowly in granting this
 Dispensation, being persuaded by many
 that the Desire of obtaining this Favour
 would render *Cæsar* more easy of Com-
 pliance in the Points under Debate;
 or at least that it was an imprudent
 Step, if a War should break out between
 them, to furnish him with Means for
 accumulating such a Mass of Money
 as he would certainly accumulate by
 this Matrimony; for the King of *Portu-
 gal* offered him in Dowry Nine Hunder-
 red Thousand Ducats, from which de-
 ducting that Part which by Agreement
 was to be allowed in Payment of Debts
 contracted by him to the King, it was
 supposed there would remain clear to
 him at least Five Hundred Thousand
 Ducats, besides Four Hundred Thousand
 Ducats, which, his own People consent-
 ed to give him for what they called
Service-Money, which, taking its Rise in
 antient Times from the Free Will of
 the People to succour the Necessities of
 their Kings, was reduced to an ordina-
 ry and stated Subsidy; and they offer-
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ed besides to give him Four Hundred ^{A. D.} Thousand more in case he consummated ^{1525.} this Matrimony. On the other side the Pontiff knew not how to resist the Importunities of the Duke of *Sessa*, the *Cæsarean* Ambassador: For you might observe in him an almost constant Repugnance between the Disposition of Things and the Execution of them, since being by Nature extreamly averse from granting any Favour demanded of him, he knew not also how to raise Difficulties, or to refuse with Constancy, but often suffered his Will to be overcome by the Importunities of the Petitioners; so that seeming for the most part to grant what was requested more out of Fear than Favour, he did not proceed in this Part of his Conduct with that Constancy, nor with that Majesty which the Greatness of his Dignity, and the Importance of the Business under Negotiation required. Thus it happened with respect to the Dispensation that was demanded, where, amidst the inward Struggles of his own Interest on one Side, and his Softness on the other, he

A. D. 1525. he eased himself, as his Custom was, on the Backs of others, of a Load which, I know not whether for want of Boldness, or Constancy of Resolution, he was unable to support himself. He expedited by a Brief the Dispensation in the Form demanded by *Cæsar*, and sent it to Cardinal *Salviati*, with an Order that, if his Affairs with *Cæsar* took a happy Turn, as he was made to believe they would, the Cardinal, as soon as he arrived at Court, should give the Brief to *Cæsar*; otherwise should keep it in his Custody: A Commission in which the Servant, as shall appear in its proper Place, shewed as much Weakness and Inconstancy as his Lord.

BUT while the Cardinal was negotiating with *Cæsar* on the Heads of his Instructions, and was continually fed with Hopes that they would be ratified according to his Desire, there fell out in *Lombardy* Events of a very different Tendency. For the Duke of *Milan* being relieved from his Disorder in such a manner as to make it believed that he

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was at least out of Danger of dying soon, the Marquis of *Pescara*, who had Orders from *Cæsar* by *Castaldo* above-mentioned to provide against those Dangers by such Means as he thought most convenient, resolved to make himself Master of the Dutchy of *Milan*, under a Pretence that the Duke, by the Plot which he had carried on with the Assistance of *Morone*, had forfeited the Rights of Investiture, and that the Fief was reverted to *Cæsar*, the supreme Lord. The Marquis therefore being at *Novara*, tho' labouring under a considerable Disorder, Part of the Army being at *Pavia*, and the *Germans* quartered about *Lodi*, which two Cities he had caused to be fortified, sent unexpectedly for the Troops quartered in *Piedmont* and in the Marquisate of *Saluzzo*, which last they had seized soon after the Victory, to come to *Novara*, under colour of distributing them into Quarters through the whole State of *Milan*. He sent also for *Morone*, in whose Person it may be said, consisted the Importance of every Thing; for it

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A. D. was certain that as soon as he should
 1525. be secured the Duke of *Milan*, being
 left destitute of Men and Counsel, would
 make no Resistance; but while he was
 at Liberty it might be doubted that by
 his Parts, by his Experience, and by
 his Reputation, he would greatly obstruct
 the Execution of his Designs. It was
 also necessary that *Cæsar* should have in
 his Power the Person of *Morone*, who
 had been the Author and Instrument
 of all the secret Practices, that he might
 be enabled, from his Process, to justify
 the Charge against the Duke of *Milan*.
 There is nothing more difficult to avoid
 than Fate, and there is no Remedy
 against predestined Misfortunes. *Morone*
 might long since have known that
 what was concerted with the Marquis
 of *Pescara* would not take Effect, he
 knew that he was extremely hated by
 all the *Spanish* Soldiers, who already
 talked very freely of his Unfaithfulness,
 and that *Antonio da Leva* had threaten-
 ed in Public to have him assassinated.
 It is not to be supposed that he had
 not considered the Importance of his
 Person,

Person, and that he had not considered the melancholy Condition of the Duke of *Milan*, at that Time useless and of no more Signification than if he were dead. Not many Days before the Plotters had been in Suspence, and full of Jealousies among themselves, every one advised him, not to go, and he himself stood in doubt whether to go or not. And yet, whether he had his Mind still possessed with the Dissimulation and Artifices of the Marquis, or relied on the great Friendship which he fancied he had contracted with him, or trusting to his Word of Honour, which, as he said afterwards, he had obtained of him in one of his Letters, or, to speak more truly, drawn by that Necessity which drags along those who will not suffer themselves to be led, he resolved to go as it were to a manifest Prison: A Conduct to me the more surprising as I remember to have heard *Morone* say several Times in the Army, in the Time of *Leo*, that there was not a Man in *Italy* of greater Malignity, or of less Faith than the Marquis of *Pescara*.

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A. D. 1525. *Morone* was kindly received by him, and they conferred together in a Chamber by themselves on the first Scheme of the Plot, and of cutting the Throats of the *Spaniards* and of *Antonio da Leva*, but in a Place where *Antonio*, whom the Marquis had concealed behind some Hangings of Tapestry, heard all the Discourse, and who, as soon as the Marquis was gone, it being the Fourteenth day of *October*, took *Morone* into Custody, and committed him to the Castle of *Pavia*, whither the Marquis himself went to examine him on the Particulars of what they had debated together, and where he gave an ample Detail of the whole Proceeding of the Conspiracy, accusing the Duke of *Milan* as privy to every Thing, which was the chief Point in View.

Morone
made a
Prisoner.

Demands of the Marquis of Pescara on the Duke of Milan. *MORONE* being imprisoned, the Marquis, who was before in Possession of *Lodi* and *Pavia*, demanded of the Duke that, for Security of the Emperor's State, he would give Orders for resigning into his Hands the City of *Cremona*, and the

the Fortresses of *Trezzo*, *Lecco*, and *Pizzichitone*, which, for their Situation ^{A. D. 1525.} on the Passes of the *Adda*, are accounted the Keys of the Dutchy of *Milan*, promising, on Compliance to make no further Innovation. The Duke finding himself bare of every Thing, and destitute of Counsel and Hopes, immediately ordered the Places to be put into the Hands of the Marquis, who, after this was done, demanded farther to be admitted into the City of *Milan*, to confer, as he said, with the Duke; which was granted with the same Facility. As soon as he was entered *Milan* he sent to insist on the Delivery of the Castle of *Cremona*, not requiring that of *Milan*, because it was an improper Demand, since that Fortress was the Residence of the Duke's Person; he demanded however that, for the Security of *Cæsar's* Army, the Duke should consent that the Castle should be surrounded with an Entrenchment. Moreover he required him to deliver into his Hands *Gian Angelo Riccio* his Secretary, and *Politiano*, Secretary of *Morone*, that they might be examined on
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A. D. an Information which he had received
 1525. of their having acted against *Cæsar*.

The
 Duke's
 Answer.

To these Demands the Duke answered that he held the Castles of *Milan* and *Cremona* in the Name, and at the Request of *Cæsar*, to whom he had always been a most faithful Vassal, and that he would not resign them to any one before he knew his Will, which that he might clearly understand he would immediately depute to him a proper Person, provided the Marquis would grant him a Passport; and that it did not appear to him consistent with Decency to consent to be in the mean time shut up in a Castle, from which Violence he would defend himself by any Means that lay in his Power: That he could not part with *Gian Angelo*, because he was intrusted in all his important Affairs, and was the only Minister he had at present about him; and that he had still greater Need of *Morone's* Secretary, in order to bring him before *Cæsar*, and by his Evidence to justify himself, in proving that
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during his Sickness his Master had, in *A. D.*
his Name, without his Knowledge, ^{1525.}
made many Dispatches, which might
be laid to his Charge, if he did not
by this Means justify his Innocence,
and make it appear that the Business
and Correspondence of *Morone* were dif-
ferent and separate from what concern-
ed him. At last, after a Multitude of
Protestations and Replies that passed
from one to the other in writing, the
Marquis constrained the People of *Mi-*
lan to take an Oath of Fidelity to the
Emperor, contrary to their Will, and
with extream Reluctance and Mortifi-
cation of all Parties, he bestowed Offices
through the State in the Name of *Cæsar*, and
began to cast an Entrenchment about the
Castle of *Cremona*, and that of *Milan*,
in which the Duke, being mightily en-
couraged with the Hopes of Relief given
him by the Pope and *Venetians*, was
determined to defend himself, having
with him Eight Hundred chosen Men,
and furnished it with as great a Stock of
Provisions as the Shortness of Time would
permit. Nor did he omit to obstruct

A. D. as much as possible the Working on
 1525. the Trenches, which were carried along
 on the Outside, with a Ditch before
 them, at a greater Distance from the
 Castle than those cast up by *Prospero*
Colonna.

ALL *Italy* was alarmed, and with
 Reason, on the Seizure of the Dutchy
 of *Milan*, being sensible that there would
 be no way left to avoid manifest Slavery
 whenever *Cæsar* should become Lord of
Milan and *Naples*. The Pontiff above
 all was afflicted, seeing, with utmost
 Concern, those Negotiations which he
 had carried on with such Secrecy, not
 only for the Security of *Milan*, but for
 the Destruction of *Cæsar's* Army, and
 depriving him of the Kingdom of *Na-*
ples, all blown up, and laid open to
 the World. This Discovery, perhaps,
 procured the Marquis of *Pescara* Fa-
 vour with *Cæsar*, but in the Sight of
 all others eternal Infamy, not only be-
 cause most People were still possessed
 with an Opinion that in the Beginning
 he had really an Intention to fall off
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from *Cæsar*, but also because, on a Sup-^{A. D.} position that he had been always faith-^{1525.} ful to him, it was esteemed an infamous Piece of Treachery to have given Encouragement to Men, and drawn them in by such a Strain of Double-dealing, and over-reaching Arts of Fraud; to enter into a Conspiracy with him; on purpose that he might have an Opportunity to detect them, and to make himself great out of the Sins of others procured by his own Deceits and Subtleties. Conduct of *Pescara* censured.

THIS Change in the Face of Affairs damped the Hopes of an Agreement, which was negotiated by the Protonotary *Caracciolo* with the *Venetian* Senate, and was in such a Forwardness as to seem drawing to a Conclusion, by which the *Venetians* would have been obliged to renew the first Confederacy on the same Conditions, and to pay unto *Cæsar*, in Recompense of past Failings and Omissions, Eighty Thousand Ducats, excluding all Demands of future Contributions in Money: But this new Event which happened at *Milan* threw the Senate

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into very great Perplexity, being on one hand vastly concerned to find themselves the only Power left in *Italy* to make Resistance against *Cæsar*, with the Danger, already threatened by the Marquis of *Pescara*, of having the War transferred into their own Dominions, for which Purpose there appeared already some Preparations; and no less embarrassed on the other hand, as knowing how mightily an Agreement with themselves would facilitate to *Cæsar* the Acquisition of the *Milanese*, which added to so many States, and to so many other Advantages, was the ready Way to bring themselves, with all the rest of *Italy*, under the Yoke. This Reflection was enforced by the continual and pathetic Persuasions of the Bishop of *Bajeux*, whom Madam the Regentess had appointed to treat of a Union between herself and the *Italians* against *Cæsar*. In this Exigency their Consultations were frequent, but dubious, and full of various Opinions; and, tho' it were most conformable to their Custom to accept of an Agreement, because it removed the

the present Danger, whence they might *A. D.*
 have Hopes to trust their Affairs to ^{1525.}
 Length of Time, and to Opportuni-
 ties that Republics, which, in Com-
 parison to Princes, are immortal, have
 Reason to expect, yet it appeared also to
 them a Matter of too much Import-
 tance that *Cæsar* should establish him-
 self in the State of *Milan*, and that the
French should be excluded from all
 Hopes of having any Friend or Ally
 in *Italy*. Wherefore, being determined
 at last to enter into no Obligation, they
 answered the Protonotary *Caracciolo*,
 That their past Conduct was sufficient
 Evidence to all the World, and he him-
 self, who had been present at the Con-
 clusion of the Confederacy, was a good
 Witness, how much they always co-
 veted the Friendship of *Cæsar*, with
 whom they had confederated at a Time
 when their joining with the *French*
 would have been, as every one knew,
 of mighty Importance: And that they
 had always persevered, and now more
 than ever, in the same Disposition; but
 that they were of necessity held in Sus-

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 ans* to the
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penſe by obſerving a Change of ſo great Importance newly made in *Lombardy*, and eſpecially when they reflected that both their Confederacy with *Cæſar*, and ſo many other Movements which had been ſet on Foot of late Years in *Italy*, were made for no other End than with a Deſign that the Dutchy of *Milan* ſhould be ſettled on *Franceſco Sforza*, as the principal Foundation of the Liberty and Security of *Italy*. Wherefore they intreated his Majeſty, that, acting in this Caſe ſuitably to his own Temper, and known Goodneſs, he would remove this Innovation, and eſta- bliſh the Repoſe of *Italy*, as it was in his Power to do it, ſince he ſhould al- ways find them moſt readily diſpoſed, both by their Authority and Forces, to follow this holy Inclination; nor would they ever give him any Cauſe to charge them with being wanting in any good Office that concerned either the uni- verſal Good, or his own particular In- terests. This Anſwer giving no Hopes of a Concluſion, did not however pro- duce a Rupture and Hoſtilities; becauſe
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the Disorder of the Marquis of *Pescara* A. D. 1525. increased every Day, and *Cæsar's* Desire of first making himself Master of the whole State of *Milan*, and to establish that Acquisition on a firm Bottom, and so many other Affairs which lay upon his Hands, and wanted first to be dispatched, gave him no Leisure to set about an Enterprize of such great Moment.

BOURBON was by this time arrived, Memorable Passage of Bourbon. and on the Fourteenth Day of *November* he appeared at the Imperial Court. Of this Nobleman it deserves to be recorded that, tho' he was received by *Cæsar* with all the Demonstrations of Honour and Regard, and carested as a Brother-in-Law, yet all the Lords of the Court, who are accustomed, as it always happens, to follow, in other Cases, the Example of their Prince, abhorred him as an infamous Person, calling him a Traitor to his own King; and, what is more, when one of them was requested, in the Name of *Cæsar*, to consent that his Palace should be assigned him

A. D. him for his Lodgings, he answered, ^{1525.} with a *Castilian* Greatness of Soul, that he would not refuse *Cæsar* whatever he pleased to desire, but knew that as soon as *Bourbon* should leave it, he should set it on Fire, as a Palace infected with *Bourbon's* Infamy, and unworthy to be inhabited by Men of Honour.

BUT the Honour paid by *Cæsar* to the Duke of *Bourbon* increased the Despondency of the *French*, who, on this account, and more by the Return of *Madam d' Alençon* without Effect, entertaining but small Hopes of an Agreement, tho' it was continually negotiated by proper Persons residing at *Cæsar's* Court, insisted with all Eagerness on making a League with the Pope, in which they were seconded by the Advice and Authority of the King of *England*, and by the frequent and earnest Sollicitations of the *Venetians*. Besides, there offered itself an Opportunity doubtless of great Moment, for about this Time, which was in the Beginning of *December*,

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December, died the Marquis of *Pescara*, A. D. 1525.
 perhaps by the just Judgment of God, Death and Character of the Marquis of Pescara.
 who would not suffer him to enjoy the
 Fruits of that Seed which he had sown
 with so much Malignity *. This Gen-
 tleman was of the House of *Avalos*, by
 Origin a *Catalan*, his Ancestors came
 into *Italy* with King *Alfonso* of *Aragon*,
 who first of that House conquered the
 Kingdom of *Naples*. Since the Battle
 of *Ravenna*, in which, while yet a Youth,
 he was taken Prisoner, he served in all
 the Wars of the *Spaniards* in *Italy*, so
 that, tho' young in Years, for he was
 not past Six and Thirty, he was old
 in Experience, ingenious, courageous,
 very diligent, and very crafty, and in
 vast Credit and Favour with the *Spanish*
 Soldiers, of which he had been a long
Time

* The Marquis of *Pescara* was of the *Darvala* Family in *New Castile*, near *Toledo*, rather antient than illustrious. He died of a lingering Consumption, occasioned by his continual drinking of Water, and the many Fatigues and Watchings that he endured in the Wars. He was buried at *Milan*, November 30, 1525, and afterwards carried to *Naples*, and interred in the Church of *San Domenico*.

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Time Captain General, whence the
 Victory of *Pavia*, and all the memorable Exploits performed by that Army for the Space of some Years, were principally owing to his Counsel and Conduct. He was a General certainly of great Worth, but one who knew very well by his Artifices and Diffimulation how to promote and increase his own Interest, was also haughty, treacherous, malicious, void of Sincerity, and worthy, as he often used to wish, of having *Spain* for his native Country rather than *Italy*. His Death then occasioned considerable Confusion in that Army, with which he was in such great Favour and Reputation, and put others in Hopes that it might be destroyed with much greater Ease, since it was deprived of a General of such great Worth and Authority. Those Powers, therefore, who were desirous that a League should be made, were so much the warmer and more importunate in their Instances with the Pontiff. But on the other hand his Doubts and Suspensions were equivalent, and justly; for
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very persuasive Arguments offered themselves on both Sides of the Question, ^{A. D. 1525.} sufficient to puzzle and perplex a Man however warm and resolute, and much more *Clement*, who always proceeded slowly and with Deliberation in his Affairs.

It was no longer expected that *Cæsar* would take any Resolution for the Security of *Italy*, he seemed very intent on making himself Master of the Castle of *Milan*, which being taken, all the other Powers, and especially the Pope, whose State was but weak, and situated in the Midst between *Lombardy* and the Kingdom of *Naples*, would manifestly become his Prey. And supposing it should lie in his Power to oppress him, it was much to be doubted whether he would not make use of it, either out of Ambition, which is in a manner natural to Emperors against Popes, or for his own Security, or to revenge himself, as he was reasonably supposed to be full of Indignation and Distrust on account of the Plot carried on with the

A. D. the Marquis of *Pescara*; and tho' the
 1525. Necessity of providing against that Dan-
 ger was great, yet the Foundation and
 Hopes of being enabled to accomplish
 it did not appear to be slight, so that
 either the Remedy must succeed by
 means of so potent a League and Con-
 junction, or the Case must be thought
 desperate for ever. The Government of
France promised Five Hundred Lances,
 and to contribute, every Month during
 the War, Forty Thousand Ducats, with
 which it was proposed to hire a Body
 of Ten Thousand *Swiss*. It was de-
 signed that the Pope and *Venetians* to-
 gether should bring into the Field
 Eighteen Hundred Men at Arms, Twen-
 ty Thousand Foot, and Two Thousand
 Light Horse: The *French* and *Veneti-*
ans were to put to Sea a large Fleet,
 for attacking either *Genoa* or the King-
 dom of *Naples*. Madam the Regentes
 promised to open the Campaign, with-
 out Delay, with a numerous Army on
 the Frontiers of *Spain*, that so *Cæsar*
 might be prevented from sending Troops
 for maintaining the War in *Italy*. The
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 the Princes
 formed a-
 gainst
Cæsar.

Cæsarean Army that remained in *Lombardy* was not great, had no Generals of Authority as formerly, the Marquis being dead, and *Bourbon* and the Viceroy in *Spain*, it had no Means of raising Money, and did not abound with Provisions, was extremely hated by the People, from a Desire of their Duke, and the intolerable Exactions of the Soldiers, both in the City of *Milan*, and throughout the State; the Castles of *Milan* and *Cremona** were in the Hands of the Duke, and the *Venetians* gave Hopes that the Duke of *Ferrara* would also enter into this Confederacy, provided *Clement* would be content to grant him *Reggio*, of which City the Duke was determined at any Rate to keep Possession.

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ON the other Side Difficulties arose from the Cunning and Valour of the Enemies, from their being accustomed to maintain themselves for a long Time, when Necessity required, with a little Money, and to put up with many Wants and Inconveniencies; the Towns

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A. D. in their Possession were fortified, and, ^{1525.} from their Situation in a Plain; easy to have their Fortifications repaired, and strengthened with new Works; in these they might maintain themselves till Succours arrived from *Germany*, of such a Nature as to reduce the whole War to the Fortune of one Battle. The Troops of the League could be no other than new-raised Men, and of small Value in comparison of that veteran Army, flushed with so many Victories. It was difficult to fix on a Captain General, for the Marquis of *Mantoua*, at that time General of the *Venetians*, was not equal to so great a Charge, nor could it with any Security be intrusted in the Hands of the Duke of *Ferrara*, or of the Duke of *Urbino*, who had received so many Injuries that it was impossible for them to be pleased with the Pope's Greatness. The Weapons of the Church had naturally blunt Edges, and those of the *Venetians* were no keener, and if each were but a bad Cutter when alone
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and acting separately, what could be ^{A. D.} expected when employed in Conjunction! ^{1525.} In the Armies of the League there never would be a Concurrence of all the necessary Provisions at one Time; for amidst so great a Variety of Wills, where are different Interests, and different Ends, there will be apt to arise Disorders, Indignation, Resentments and Distrust, and, at best, you will never find among them that Promptness and Alacrity for vigorously pursuing the Favour of Fortune when she shews herself kind, nor a firm Disposition to make a resolute and constant Resistance when she looks upon them with a frowning Aspect. But, that which above all occasioned the greatest Difficulty and Fear in this Resolution, was an Apprehension that the *French*, whenever *Cæsar*, on finding himself straitened, should offer to release their King, would not only break off from the League, but assist him against the Confederates. And tho' the King of *England* passed his royal Word for them that they should come to no Agreement, and it was proposed that

A. D. that they should give Security in *Rome*,
 1525. *Florence*, or *Venice*, for three Months
 Payments, yet no Means were found to
 remove that Suspicion: For the *French*
 having no other End than the Recovery
 of their King, and it being well known
 that they had no Inclination to a War
 but when they had no Hopes of an
 Agreement, it seemed probable that,
 whenever it pleased *Cæsar* to consent to
 their Wishes, they would prefer an Accommodation
 with him to all other Interests and Regards;
 nay further, every one was sensible that
 the greater the Preparations and Forces of
 the League should appear, the more would
Cæsar shew himself inclined to agree with
 the King of *France*, and therefore it seemed
 a very dangerous Step to engage in a War
 in which the Powerful Forces of the
 Confederates might do as much Hurt
 as Good. With these Reasons was the
 Pontiff plyed on all Sides, by the Ambassadors
 of the Princes, and no less by his own
 Ministers, for there was a Division in his
 Family and in his Council, where every one
 favoured his own
 Inclination.

Inclination, with so much the less Re-
spect, as the Authority which they had
arrogated with him was the greater;
for he had till this Time suffered
himself in a great measure to be car-
ried by those who ought to have paid
Obedience to his Nod, and to look up-
on themselves as no other than Ministers
of the Will and Orders of their Master.
To understand this and many other
Occurrences, it is necessary to look back
on some Transactions of an older Date.

LEO, who brought the chief Ecclesi-
astical Dignity into the House of the
Medici, and with the Authority of the
Cardinalship so well sustained himself
and that Family, which was fallen from
the Height of Grandeur to so low a
State of Decay, that it had reason to
expect a Vicissitude and Return of prospe-
rous Fortune, was a Man of consum-
mate Liberality, if it be proper to give
that Name to a Profuseness in Expences
that passes all Bounds and Measures.
After his Assumption to the Pontificate
he displayed so much Magnificence and
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Splendor, with a truly Royal Spirit, as would have been surprising even in one who had descended by long Succession from Kings and Emperors. Nor was he only most profuse of Money, but of all Favours which are at the Disposal of a Pope, which he bestowed so unmeasurably that he brought the Spiritual Authority into Contempt, disordered the Oeconomy of the Court, and by his excessive Expences brought himself under a Necessity of perpetually contriving to raise Money by extraordinary Means. To this so remarkable an Easiness was added a most profound Dissimulation, with which he circumvented every one in the Beginning of his Pontificate, and made himself pass for a very good Prince; I dare not say of an Apostolical Goodness, for in our corrupt Times the Goodness of a Pontiff is commended when it does not surpass the Wickedness of other Men; but he was reputed merciful, desirous of doing Good to all, and quite averse from every Thing that might give Offence to any Person. Among other good Gifts of Fortune, which were

were very great, he was so happy ^{A. D.} as to have about him *Giulio de' Me- ^{1525.} *dici*, his Cousin, whom from a Knight of *Rhodes*, tho' illegitimate, he raised to the Cardinalship. For *Giulio* being naturally grave, diligent, assiduous in Business, averse from Pleasures, temperate and thrifty in every Thing, and having in his Hands, by Appointment of *Leo*, the Management of all the important Affairs of the Pontificate, restrained and moderated many Disorders proceeding from his Profuseness and Easiness; and, what is more, not following the Customs of other Nephews and Brothers of Popes, but preferring the Honour and Grandeur of *Leo* to the Consideration of making a comfortable Provision to support himself after his Death, he approved himself a most faithful and most obedient Minister to him, in such a manner that it seemed as if he were really his second Self. On these accounts he was continually more and more promoted by the Pope, and still more and more entrusted with Business, which, in the Hands of two Per-*

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sons of such different Natures, is a Demonstration how well the Mixture of two Contraries may sometimes agree together; as here, for Instance, Assiduity, Diligence, Conduct, and Gravity of Manners, with Indolence, Prodigality, and an inordinate Love of Pleasure and Mirth. This Management made it believed by many that *Leo* was governed by *Giulio*, and that he himself was not a Man qualified to undertake so great a Charge, but of a harmless Disposition, unwilling to hurt any Body, and very glad to enjoy the Sweets of the Pontificate; and that, as a Contrast, *Giulio* was full of Spirit, Ambition, and a Desire of Innovations. Hence all the Severities, all the Movements, and all the Enterprises that happened during the Time of *Leo* were imagined to proceed from the Instigation of *Giulio*, who was reputed of a malignant Temper, but a Man of Parts, and of a great Spirit. This Opinion of his Merit was confirmed and increased after the Death of *Leo*, for, amidst all the Opposition and Difficulties with which he was surrounded,

ed, he supported his Affairs with such *A. D.*
Dignity, that he appeared almost like a *1525.*
Pope, and preserved his Authority with
many of the Cardinals to such a De-
gree, that he entered into Two Con-
claves absolute Master of Sixteen Votes,
and at last after the Death of *Adrian*,
in spite of the infinite Contradictions
and Oppositions of the greater Part and
of the senior Members of the College,
he made his way to the Pontificate,
not full Two Years from the Decease
of *Leo*, entering on his Office with such
high Expectations, that it was the uni-
versal Opinion he would be the greatest
Pontiff, and perform the greatest Acti-
ons that had ever been performed by
any one who had hitherto sat in the
Papal Chair. But it was soon known
what vain Judgments they had formed of
Leo and of him ; for *Clement* had ma-
ny Qualities different from what was at
first imagined of him, since he had no-
thing of that ambitious Desire of No-
velties, nor was endowed with that
Greatness of Soul, and Inclination of
Mind to generous and magnanimous

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lieved; and it appeared that he had been with *Leo* rather a Minister and Executor of his Designs, than a Director and Introducer of his Counsels and Will: And tho' he had a very capacious Understanding, and a wonderful Knowledge of all public Affairs, yet his Resolution and Execution were by no means answerable; for being hindered, not only by a remarkable Timorousness of Mind, and by a Desire to save Expences, but also by a kind of Irresolution and Perplexity, which was natural to him, he stood almost continually in Suspense and Ambiguity, when he was brought to a Determination of such Affairs as he had oftentimes foreseen at a Distance, considered, and in a manner settled. Hence it happened, that, both in his resolving as well as executing what he had resolved, every trifling Concern that just then discovered itself to him, every slight Impediment that came athwart his Way, appeared sufficient to make him relapse into the same Confusion in which he had stood hesitating

ting before he had resolved, as he al- ^{A. D.}
 ways fancied, after he had taken a Re- ^{1525.}
 solution, that the Counsel which he had
 rejected was the best: For, represent-
 ing to himself at the present Instant
 only those Reasons which he had ne-
 glected, he never recalled to Examina-
 tion those which had moved him
 to make his Choice, by the Clashing
 and Comparison of which the oppo-
 site Reasons would have their Force
 weakened; nor could the Memory of
 his been often under the Power of
 vain Fears teach him to avoid giving
 way to such Weakness for the future.
 In this intangled Situation, and confused
 Manner of Proceeding, suffering himself
 to be often biassed by his Ministers, he
 seemed rather led than counselled by
 them.

OF the Ministry those who had a ^{Two lead-}
 mighty Interest with him were *Nicolas* ^{ing Mini-}
Schomberg, a German, and *Gian Matteo* ^{sters of}
Giberto, a Genoeſe; the former revered, ^{Pope Cle-}
 and in a manner feared by the Pontiff; ^{ment.}
 the other very acceptable, and greatly
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A. D. 1525. beloved by him; *Schomberg*, following the Authority of *Girolamo Savonarola*, entered himself, while he studied the Law, in the Order of Preaching Friars, but afterwards, relinquishing his Convent, tho' retaining the Name and Habit, he applied himself to secular Business. *Giberto* was dedicated to a monastic Life in his Childhood, but afterwards leaving his Cloister, by his Father's Authority, tho' he was but a Bastard, quite abdicated his Profession, with the Name and Habit.

At variance.

THESE two Ministers, while they agreed together when *Giulio* was but a Cardinal, and afterwards in the Beginning of his Pontificate, guided him at their Discretion; but since, falling at Variance, either out of Ambition, or from a Difference of Tempers, they put all Things in Confusion, and ruined his Affairs. For Friar *Nicolas*, on account of a national Tye, or for some other Respect, being devoted to the Interest of *Cæsar*, and by Nature obstinately attached to his own Opinions, which were

were often different from those of others, so immoderately favoured the Cause of *Cæsar*, that he was often suspected by the Pontiff as one who had more Concern for the Interests of others than for those of his Master. The other in truth knew no other Patron, or Object of his Affection, than the Pontiff; but, being naturally eager and vehement in the Management of his Affairs, tho', in the Time of *Leo*, he had been a most bitter Enemy to the *French*, and a Favourer of *Cæsar's* Cause, yet since his Death he was become quite the contrary. Hence those two Ministers, who bore the greatest Sway with the Pontiff, being at open Variance, and not proceeding with Maturity, or with any Regard to the Honour of their Master, but exposing his Coldness and Irresolution to all the Court, rendered him contemptible and in a manner ridiculous to the Generality of Mankind. As he was then by Nature irresolute, and those whose Duty it was to assist him in coming to a Determination on so difficult and perplexed an Affair helped

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 turn himself. At last, rather from a
 Necessity of coming to some Determination, than out of a manly Resolution, or firm Judgment, especially as he found himself in such a Situation that to come to no Determination was a kind of Determination, he inclined to make a League and to join with the others in beginning a War with *Cæsar*.

Errera
 arrives at
Rome
 from
Cæsar.

THEY had agreed on Articles, which were drawn up in Writing, and only wanted to be signed, when the Pope received Advice that the Commendatory *Errera* was arrived at *Genoa*, deputed to him from *Cæsar*, and coming with all Diligence would soon be at *Rome* with good and gracious Dispatches. He resolved therefore to wait his Arrival, tho' with very heavy Complaints from the Ambassadors, to whom he had given strong assurances of signing the Confederacy the same Day. *Errera* was sent on this Message because *Cæsar*, after he had given such a Commission to the
 Marquis

Marquis of *Pescara* as gave him full *A. D.* Power at least to seize on the State of ^{1525.} *Milan*, doubting that such a Step would occasion new Movements in *Italy*, carried on with great Application the Negotiations for an Agreement with the Legate *Salviati*, so that a Capitulation was made between them, with a Reserve however on Condition of its Ratification by the Pontiff. By this Agreement Provision was made for the Restitution of *Reggio* and *Rubiera*, and there was included in it the Defence and Preservation of the Duke of *Milan*, which were the principle Points that *Clement* desired, but with one express Condition that, in case of his Death, *Cæsar* should neither keep that Dutchy for himself, nor give it to his Brother the Archduke, but invest with it M. *de Bourbon*, whom, together with *George*, the natural Brother of *Maximilian Cæsar*, the Pontiff himself, at the persuasion of the Archbishop of *Capua*, had been so inconsiderate as to propose at the Time when *Francesco Sforza* lay so ill that every one despaired of his Life.

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Cæsar obtains a Dispensation for his Marriage.

THE Capitulation being made the Legate, without waiting for *Clement's* Ratification, could not, or knew not how to deny giving *Cæsar* the Brief of Dispensation, that he so much desired, which having been drawn before with an Expression only of the Impediment in the second Degree, without nominating the Daughter of the King of *Portugal*, for the sake of giving the less Offence to the King of *England*, or because, there being a double Tye of Kindred between them, Mention had been made only of the stronger Tye, it was necessary to draw up another, which should comprehend all the Impediments, together with an express Nomination of the Persons. The Commendatory *Errera* set out from *Cæsar's* Court with the Dispatches of this Confederacy a Day or two after *Cæsar* had received Advice of the Imprisonment of *Morone*, and on the sixth of *December*, being conducted before the Pope, besides many Offers, and most ample Protestations of the good Disposition

sition of *Cæsar*, presented him with the Articles of the Capitulation; and tho' those Articles that concerned the Salt, and the beneficial Matters in the Kingdom of *Naples* were different from those which had been concluded with the Viceroy, yet because the principal Point which he had in View was to free himself from Suspicions, he would have accepted them had he been convinced of the Sincerity of the Proceedings in relation to the Duke of *Milan*: But since, in the Article that related to *Francesco Sforza*, there was no Mention made of what had been laid to his Charge, nor any Promise to restore the State of which he had been deprived, nor of pardoning the Errors which he had committed, but on the contrary *Cæsar*, in the Conclusion made with the Legate, and in the Instructions given to this his Agent, had not given the least Indication that he knew any Thing of it, one might easily comprehend the Subtleties and Artifices of his Ministers. For the Confederacy, and the Promise to defend and preserve *Francesco Sforza*

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A. D. in the Dutchy of *Milan*, did not deprive *Cæsar* of the Power of proceeding against him as his Vassal, and of declaring the Fief devolved on account of the Charge of his having conspired against his Majesty; and *Bourbon*, who was substituted in case of his Death, would also succeed him on his Deprivation, because the Laws consider a civil Death as equivalent to a natural, and he, they say, who is condemned for a Crime of that Nature, is dead in Law. The Pope therefore very gravely answered, that he had no private Cause of Disagreement with *Cæsar*, but, on the contrary, in all Differences and Disputes that might happen between them, he would never chuse any other judge than him; but that it was also necessary to settle the public Affairs on such a Foundation as might put *Italy* in a State of Security, which could not be effected without once more restoring the Dutchy of *Milan* to *Francesco Sforza*. He shewed him also the Reasons why this Article, so generally worded was not satisfactory, concluding that he should be extremely

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treably mortified to find himself under *A. D.*
a Necessity of taking new Resolutions, ¹⁵²⁵
and to break off from *Cæsar*, to
whom he had always been most firmly
attached.

To this the Duke of *Sessa* replied, ^{Duke of}
that *Cæsar* was very sincere in his In- ^{*Sessa's*}
tentions, and was doubtless contented ^{Reply.}
that, notwithstanding what had happened,
the Dutchy of *Milan* should remain in the
Possession of *Francesco Sforza*; but that,
through Inadvertency, the Article had not
been drawn up in ample Form, but the
Pope might make what Corrections or
Alterations in it he saw fit; that he
promised him the Ratification within
the Term of Two Months, provided
that his Holiness would also promise that,
during that Time on his Part, he would
not conclude the League he was ne-
gotiating with *France* and the *Veneti-*
ans.

EVERY one easily perceived that
this Offer had no other Foundation than
a Desire to gain Time by a Delay of
Two

A. D. 1525. Two Months, for *Cæsar* the better to regulate his Resolutions, and to provide himself with Remedies against so formidable an Union. The Pontiff, however, after many Disputes, to the very great Displeasure of the other Ambassadors, consented to this Demand, as well out of a Desire to defer, as long as he could, the involving himself in Expences and Troubles, as because it appeared to him a very dangerous Step to contract an Alliance with the King's Mother while he himself was a Prisoner, it lying in the Power of *Cæsar* to dissolve it whenever he pleased, and this Delay might possibly, tho' he saw but little Hopes, being about the Accomplishment of his desired Ends; and tho' it should occasion an Agreement between the two Kings, he profoundly considered, tho' others were of a contrary Judgment that it was best to have it effected at a Time when *Cæsar* was under less Necessity, because the better should be the Situation of his Affairs, the harder would be the Conditions that he would propose to the King of *France*, the
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Rigour of which gave Hopes that the King, after he should be released, would not think himself bound to observe them. It was also inserted in this Treaty that at the same time no new Works should be raised, or any Thing farther undertaken against the Castle of *Milan*, provided *Francesco Sforza* would oblige himself not to annoy or molest the Troops that lay before it; which Condition he would not accept.

THUS ended the Year of the Nativity¹⁵²⁶ of the Son of God Almighty 1525, with Dispositions rather for War than for Peace, and we are now entering on 1526, a Year full of great Events, and surprising Commotions. In the Beginning of it *Errera* returning to *Cæsar*, the Pope writ a long Letter to that Prince, with his own Hand, in which neither wholly denying nor confessing the Plot formed against him, but laying the Fault on the Marquis of *Pescara*, he endeavoured to excuse *Francesco Sforza*, who, if he had committed any Error, was seduced by the Counsels of

A. D. Girolamo Morone; intreating him also
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in the most pathetic Manner, that, for the Quiet and Benefit of all Christendom, he would prevail with himself to pardon him.

CÆSAR, at that Time, in Expectation of the Pontiff's Answer, put a Stop to all Negotiations with others; and tho' *Bourbon*, who was pretty much carested and confirmed in his Hopes of the Affinity, insisted on the Celebration of the Nuptials, he was put off with an Excuse that *Cæsar* was willing first to solemnise his Marriage with his *Portuguese* Spouse, who was every Day expected: But this Delay was designed to leave Room for making an Accommodation with the King of *France*, in which it was proposed to give him the same Lady in Matrimony as had been promised to *Bourbon*, Interest, as it is customary with all Princes, being preferred before Honour and Honesty. *Cæsar* had solemnised his Nuptials at *Seville*, when *Errera* arrived from *Rome*, with the Minutes of a very long Article drawn up

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up by the Pope in favour of *Francesco Sforza*. Wherefore *Cæsar*, being certified also that the Legate had no Commission but what concerned the Contents of that Article, and his whole Council concurring in the Opinion that it was necessary to break the League that was in Agitation, and dangerous to have so many Enemies to deal with at once, found himself reduced to a Necessity, either of satisfying the Pope and the *Venetians* by restoring *Francesco Sforza*, or to agree with the King of *France*. That King at last, after many Disputes about *Burgundy*, finding no hopes of obtaining from *Cæsar* his Liberty on any other Conditions, offered to restore that Province, together with its Appurtenances and Dependencies, and to yield up his Rights and Pretensions to the Kingdom of *Naples* and Dutchy of *Milan*, and to give his Two Sons as Hostages for the Performance of his Engagements.

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VERY warm were the Debates on the Choice of either of the Expedients : The Viceroy, who had conducted the most Christian King into *Spain*, and had given him such great Hopes, and so ardently solicited his Deliverance, more earnestly insisted on it than ever ; and his Authority, with regard only to his Fidelity and Good Will, had great Weight with *Cæsar*. But his Counsel was opposed, rather with exclaiming than disputing against it, by *Mercurio di Gattinara*, the Great Chancellor, a Man who, tho' born of low Parentage in *Piedmont*, was yet of great Credit and Experience, and had for several Years the Management of the important Business of that Court. These two great Men one Day assisting in Council, and *Cæsar* being present, in order to put a final Determination to an Affair that had been under Debate so many Months, the Great Chancellor spoke thus :

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“ I HAVE been always under Apprehensions, most invincible *Cæsar*, that our excessive Desires, and immoderate Views would be the Cause that in the End we should reap neither Honour nor Profit from so great and famous a Victory; but I did not however imagine that the coming off Conquerors would endanger your Reputation and your State, which I now plainly see is like to be the Result. For we have now under Debate the making an Agreement, by which all *Italy* may be thrown into Despair, and the King of *France* set at Liberty, but on such burdensome Conditions, that, if not by Inclination, yet at least out of Necessity, he may become a greater Enemy to us than he was before. I could wish, as heartily as others, that at the same time *Burgundy* might be recovered, and the Foundations laid for the subjecting *Italy*; but I know that he who is thus hasty in grasping so much is in Danger of holding fast nothing, and that no Reason

A. D. son requires that the King of *France*,
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his Engagements to you, in such important Articles. Does he not know that if he restores to you *Burgundy* he opens you a Gate of *France*? and that it will be in your power to make Incur-sions as far as *Paris*? and that, when you have the Means of annoying *France* on so many Quarters, it will be impossible for him to resist you? Does he not know, and every one else, that his consenting that you should go to *Rome* armed, that you should put a Bridle on *Italy*, and that you should reduce the spiritual and temporal State of the Church to your Devotion, would be the Cause of doubling your Power? and that you never can want for Money nor Arms to molest him, and that he must be necessitated to accept all the Laws you shall please to impose on him? Who then can believe that he will think himself bound to an Agreement, by which he may become your Slave, and you his Lord? Can he want for the Complaints
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and Exclamations of the whole Kingdom of *France*, the Persuasions of the King of *England*, and the Stimulations of all *Italy*? The Love perhaps that subsists between you two will be the Cause that he will repose Confidence in you, and willingly see the Increase of your Power; or were there ever two Princes between whom there were more Grounds for Hatred and Contention? Here is not only an Emulation of Greatness, which uses to put Weapons in the Hands of Brothers against one another, but antient and very bitter Enmities, commenced from the Times of the Fathers and Grandfathers of your Grandfathers, so many Wars long carried on between these two Houses, so many Treaties of Peace and Agreement not observed, so many Injuries and Affronts given and received. Can we chuse but believe that he burns with Indignation to reflect that he has been for so many Months your Prisoner, kept under so strict a Guard, without ever having had the Favour of being conducted into your Presence? That

A. D. in this Prison, thro' Vexation and In-
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 Door; and that he was not now set at
 Liberty out of Magnanimity or Love,
 but from the Apprehensions of so for-
 midable an Union against you? Can
 we believe that an Affinity contracted
 by Necessity is of more Force than so
 many Incentives? And who knows not
 what Value Princes set upon these Ties?
 And where is there better Evidence of
 the Regard they pay to Affinities than
 among ourselves? Some perhaps may
 fancy that passing his Word, which he
 will give us for his returning to Prison,
 may be sufficient for our Security; but,
 alas! what inconsiderate Grounds, what
 imprudent Hopes would this Considera-
 tion suggest for our Reliance! The
 extream Grief that affects me, when I
 find some are for taking so pernicious
 and dangerous a Resolution, constrains
 me, *Cæsar*, to speak my Mind freely.
 We all know but too well what Value
 is to be set on the Word of Honour,
 when the Interest of the State is concern-
 ed, and what Stress is to be laid on the
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Promises of the *French*, who tho' frank and open in all other Matters, are in this Regard perfect Masters in the Arts of Diffimulation and Deceit, and that their King is by Nature as much deficient in Deeds as he is redundant in Words. We may therefore well conclude that no Benevolence between two Princes, whose Injuries and Hatred descend with their Blood by antient Inheritance; no Faith nor Promises, which in the important Concerns of State have but little Weight with many, and with the *French* none at all, will induce that King to make good an Agreement, that will exalt his Enemy to Heaven, and bring himself and his Kingdom under manifest Subjection. You would answer I am sensible, that, for Fear of what is here suggested, there is demanded of him Security, in the Persons of two of his Sons, one of them his Eldest, the Love of whom must needs occasion him to set a higher Value on them than on *Burgundy*. But I am afraid that this Love of his Children will rather have a contrary Effect, when their Memory shall

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shall consider that by observing the Agreement he lays a Foundation for making them your Slaves. I know not whether this Pledge would be sufficient, when he should be quite deprived of all Hopes of recovering them any other Way *. For it is a Matter of too serious Concern to endanger his Kingdom, which once lost is very difficult to be recovered; but he might well hope to recover his Sons with Time, or by Agreement, or on some other Occasion, and the Delay will be less troublesome on account of their tender Age. But having found Means to bring almost all the Christian Princes to unite with him against you, who doubts but he will enter into close Confederacy with them, and seek to moderate the Agreement by Force of Arms, and that the Fruits we shall reap from the Victory will be a
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* He doubts whether the King's Children be a sufficient Pledge for restoring *Burgundy*, supposing that the King had no other way to recover them, because such a Restitution would open a Door of *France*, as before observed.

very vigorous and dangerous War, excited by Hatred, Necessity and Desperation, from the King of *England*, King of *France*, and all *Italy*? from all which we should be able to defend ourselves, would it please God not to slacken his Hand in working for us every Day those Miracles which he has so often wrought for us till this present Time; and if Fortune should change her Nature in our Behalf, and her Inconstancy and Mutability should become towards us an Example of Stability and Constancy, contrary to all the Examples of past Events. We have in all our Counsels, for so many Months together, concluded that we are to use our utmost Endeavours that the *Italians* might not join with the Government of *France*; and now we precipitate ourselves into a Resolution which removes all the Difficulties that have hitherto kept them in Suspence, that multiplies our Dangers, that multiplies the Forces of the Enemy: For who knows not how much more potent a League will be which shall have for its Head the King of *France*,
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than one made with the Government of *France* while the King remains your Prisoner? Who knows not that no Cause has hitherto held the Pope in Ambiguity and Hesitation from confederating against you, but the Fears that you may separate the *French* from them by offering them their King? That they will fear less, when we shall have his Children and not him? Thus the Remedy which we provide for avoiding the Danger will, without Comparison, do more Hurt than Good, and increase the Evil, and, instead of breaking that Union, we shall ourselves be the Instruments of rendering it more firm and powerful. It will be said to me, What is then your Opinion? Is it your Advice that we reap no Profit from so great a Victory? Are we to remain continually in this State of Perplexity? I confirm what I have often said, that it is very pernicious to take in more Food at one Time than the Stomach is able to digest, and that it is necessary for us to regain the Friendship of *Italy*, which demands nothing of us but its Security,

rity, and to endeavour to obtain of the *French King Burgundy*, with whatever else should be possible for us; or otherwise to make an Agreement with him, by which *Italy* may be left to our Discretion, but so mild and moderate with regard to his Interests that he may have Reason to observe it. And in making a Choice between these two Ways it is requisite, *Cæsar*, that your Prudence and Goodness should prefer what is stable and juster to that which at first Sight may perhaps appear more profitable and grand. The State of *Milan* I confess, is richer, and more convenient on many accounts than that of *Burgundy*, and there is no Friendship to be contracted with the *Italians* but by leaving *Milan* in the Hands of *Francesco Sforza*, or of some other who shall content the Pope. And yet I much prefer taking this Course to an agreement with the *French*, because *Burgundy* is more yours in Justice than *Milan*, and easier to keep than the other, where you have not a single Person that is well affected to you. To attempt the
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Restoration of *Burgundy*, your antient Inheritance, is highly commendable : To aspire after *Milan*, either for yourself or one who shall wholly depend on you, discovers some Marks of Ambition. The first is requir'd of you by the Memory of so many of your glorious Progenitors, whose Bones interred in Captivity cry for nothing but to be delivered and removed by you, and their so just, compassionate, and holy Prayers are perhaps the Cause of rendering God the more propitious to you. It is a more prudent as well as more feasible Resolution to seek to establish a Friendship with one who unwillingly becomes an Enemy, than with him who cannot possibly at any time be your Friend. For in the King of *France* will never harbour any other than Hatred, and a malicious Desire to oppose your Designs : But the Pope and the other Powers of *Italy*, as soon as the Army is removed from *Lombardy*, being freed from Jealousies, will have no Occasion to contend with you either from Fear or Emulation, but remaining your steady Friends you will
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now and always enjoy the Convenience *A. D.*
and Profit of their good Correspondence. 1526.

You are invited therefore to chuse that Friendship by Honour, Utility, and Security, and, if I deceive not myself, no less by Necessity. For, even supposing that you should make an Agreement with the King on no other Obligation than of assisting you in your Enterprize on *Italy*, it does not appear to me probable that he will fulfil it, because he will imagine that his leaving *Italy* to be your Prey will too much endanger his own Kingdom. And, on the other hand, he will appear to himself to have vast Opportunities and Hopes, by means of so potent an Union, to create you much Trouble and Uneasiness, and to reduce you to an Agreement on less burdensome Conditions. Thus of a King Prisoner we shall make him free, and our Enemy, and shall give a Head to the Kingdom of *France*, that, in Conjunction with so many others, he may make War upon us with more Forces, and with greater Advantage. How much better is it to agree with the *Italians*!

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A. D. 1526. to enter into a firm and sincere Alliance with the Pontiff, who has continually desired it, and to deprive the *French* of all Hopes of a Conjunction with the *Italians*; for in such a Case not Necessity, nor the Fears of new Leagues, but your own Will, and the Quality of the Conditions will be sufficient to draw you to an Agreement with the *French*; then you will see that Want and Despair will force them not only to restore *Burgundy*, and to make you greater Offers, but also to put into your Hands such Security as shall leave no Room to doubt of the Performance of their Engagements; since the Children are not sufficient to secure you while they can feed themselves with Hopes of so considerable a Conjunction, and if they were to make an Addition of *Bayonne*, *Narbonne*, and the Fleet, it would hardly be enough to warrant their Observance. In this Manner you will be sure to reap great, honourable, just, and secure Fruits from your Victory; otherwise, either I have no Understanding at all in any Affair, or this Agreement
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ment will so endanger your State, that *A. D.*
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I know not what will secure it if the Imprudence of the King of *France* proves no greater than ours."

THE Great Chancellor by this accurate and vehement Speech, and by the Reputation of his Wisdom, had affected the Minds of a great Part of the Council, when the Viceroy, who was the Author of the contrary Opinion, spoke, as it is said, in the following Manner.

"IT is undoubtedly true, most glorious *Cæsar*, that the Man who, out of a greedy Desire of having too much, aims at grasping more than he can hold fast, is by no means to be commended; but then he is no less to be blamed who, from a needless Suspicion and Distrust, voluntarily deprives himself of vast Opportunities, acquired with a Multitude of Difficulties and Dangers. The Errors are indeed very considerable on both Sides; but a Fault that proceeds from a Timidity and Meanness of Spi-

Speech of the Vice-roy of Naples in Answer to the foregoing.

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1526. } rit is more inexcusable in so great a Prince, than that which arises from a certain Generosity and Greatness of Mind; and it is more laudable to seek with Danger the Acquisition of too much, than, for the sake of avoiding Danger, to let slip and vanish the rarest Opportunities that a Man is blest with. Now this however is in effect the Counsel of the Chancellor, who doubting that this Agreement will not procure both *Burgundy* and *Milan* (for we are by no means to suspect that he is under the Influence of a Love to *Italy*, his Country, or of the Good Will that he bears to the Duke of *Milan*) proposes a Way by which, according to him, you gain *Burgundy* and lose *Milan*, a State without Comparison of the greater Importance, but, according to me, by which you lose *Milan* without gaining *Burgundy*! And thus, where this Victory has most gloriously opened you a Way to the Lordship of all Christendom, there will remain nothing for us, if we follow his Advice, but Loss and Disgrace. And indeed I see no Safety in his Counsel,
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but rather very great Danger attended with very small Advantage, which be-
sides may easily slip out of our Hands. A. D.
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But, on the contrary, an Agreement with the King of *France* appears to me attended with very great Glory, very great Profit, and sufficient Security. For I would ask you, Chancellor, what Reason have you, what Security, what Promise, that the *Italians*, after we shall have evacuated the Dutchy of *Milan*, will take care not to violate the Agreement, nor intermeddle between the King of *France* and us? And not rather that, after we shall have debased our Reputation, after we shall have disbanded that Army, which is a Bridle on their Malice, after they shall be secured from the Coming of new Bodies of *Germans* into *Italy*, because there will be no Place in *Lombardy* to receive them, nor where they can shelter themselves; what Security, I say, have you that the *Italians*, at such a Time, continuing their Plots, besides threatening the Kingdom of *Naples*, which will remain in a manner at their Discretion, will not make

A. D. an Effort to deliver the King of *France*?
1526. Have you any Trust, Chancellor, in the
Gratitude of *Francesco Sforza*, who,
after so many Benefits, has requited you,
O *Cæsar*, with such base Treachery?
What will he not do now, when he
has been made sensible that you are de-
sirous to punish so heinous a Piece of
Iniquity with Justice? now, that he fears
Punishment from you, and expects Safety
from our Enemies? Have you any
Confidence, Chancellor, in the Friend-
ship of the *Venetians*, who are both Ene-
mies to the Empire and to the House
of *Austria*, and trembling at remember-
ing that as it were but yesterday your
Grandfather *Maximilian* bereaved them
of so many of those Town which they
now possess? Have you any Faith in
the Goodness of *Clement*, or in his In-
clination to the Emperor? the Mo-
tive of *Leo's* Alliance with *Cæsar*, after
he had attempted many Things against
us, was a Desire of Revenge, or of Se-
curity from the *French*, or an ambi-
tious Design of seizing on *Ferrara*. Af-
ter the Death of *Leo*, this Man, hated
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by Half the World, continued our A. D.
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 Friend out of Necessity; but after he
 was made Pope, immediately returning
 to the Nature of the Pontiffs, which is
 to fear and hate the Emperors, he has
 nothing in more Detestation than the
 Name of *Cæsar*. All these Parties ex-
 cuse themselves by pretending that their
 Plots and Devices proceeded not from
 Hatred, or from any other Passion, but
 only from a Jealousy of your Greatness,
 which ceasing all their Machinations
 have ceased with it. This is either not
 true, or, tho' it might perhaps have been
 true in the Beginning, it is necessary that
 it must have since taken other Roots,
 and become another Passion; for it is
 natural for Jealousy to be followed by
 Hatred, and by Injuries, attended by a
 Conjunction and Intimacy with the Enc-
 mies of the injured Person, together with
 Designs not only of being secured from
 his Resentment, but also of profiting by
 his Ruin, the Memory of Injuries be-
 ing greater without doubt, and more
 implacable in him who does, than in
 him who receives them. Wherefore

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1526. granting that in the Beginning they might be incited only by Jealousy, the same would have been the Cause of making them become your Enemies, of diverting their Inclinations, and placing their Hopes on the *French* Side, and afterwards of beginning, as they have done in all the Conventions which they have negotiated, to divide the Kingdom of *Naples* among themselves. And now whatever Security we give them, or whatever Agreement we make with them, the same Passions of Hatred and Fear will always remain kindled in their Breasts; and putting no Faith in what they imagine extorted from you by Necessity, but thinking they may with the greater Facility bend us to a Compliance with their Will, apprehensive also that at last there will be an Appointment between us and the King of *France*, like to that made at *Cambray*, and desirous, to use their own Words, of freeing *Italy* from the *Barbarians*, they will have the Boldness to think of prescribing Laws to you, and to demand the Deliverance of the King of *France*. If
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you should deny their Demands, *Cæsar*, ^{A. D.} how will you defend the Kingdom of ^{1526.} *Naples* against them? If you should grant it, you lose all the Fruits of the Victory, and remain the most dishonoured, the most debased of all Princes. But let us grant that *Italy* would be disposed to observe the Agreement, and that you would be under a Necessity either of relinquishing *Milan*, or of not recovering *Burgundy*, what Comparison is there between one Side and the other? *Burgundy* is a little Province, of small Revenues, and besides not of such mighty Conveniency as many persuade themselves. The Dutchy of *Milan*, for the Riches and Beauty of so many noble Cities, for the Number and Quality of its Subjects, for the Greatness of its Revenues, and for its Capacity of subsisting all the Armies in the World, is superior to many Kingdoms. But tho' it be so large and so powerful, yet the Conveniencies that arise from its Acquisition are more to be valued than the Country in itself considered: For while *Milan* and *Naples* are at your Devoti-

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on, the Pontiffs must of necessity, as they used formerly, depend on the Emperors. All *Tuscany*, the Duke of *Ferrara*, and the Marquis of *Mantoua* may be subjected to you: The *Venetians*, surrounded by *Lombardy* and *Germany*, will be obliged to accept your Laws. Thus, I do not say with Arms or with Armies, but with the Reputation of your Name, with a Herald alone, with the Imperial Ensigns you will command all *Italy*. And who knows not what is *Italy*? A Country, for the Commodiousness of its Situation, for the Temperateness of the Air, for the Multitude and Ingenuity of its Inhabitants, who are extremely well disposed for all honourable Undertakings, for the Abundance of all Things convenient for human Life, for the Largeness and Beauty of so many most noble Cities, for Riches, for the Seat of Religion, for the anti-ent Glory of the Empire, and for infinite other Respects, the Queen of all Countries, which if you command, all other Princes will tremble before you. To compass this Design is more conducive

ducive to your Greatness, and to the Augmentation of your Glory, and more grateful to the Bones of your Grand-father's (since they too must be called into Council) who, on account of their Goodness and Compassion, must be supposed to desire nothing but what is most convenient for you, and most glorious to your Name. If we follow then the Counsel of the Chancellor we shall lose a very large Acquisition for a small one, and that too very inconsiderable, and besides very uncertain, of which we ought to have taken Warning by what was like to have happened some Months past. Does he not remember, when the King of *France*, was in such great Danger of Death, in what an uneasy Situation we were, as knowing that by his Death we should lose all the Fruits expected from the Victory? Who can secure us that the same Accident may not possibly intervene at present, and more easily, because the Reliques of the Disorder remain upon him since that Time, and because the Hopes, that have hitherto supported him, being cut off,

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A. D. his Anxiety, which was the Cause of
1526. his Disorder, will return upon him with
greater Violence; and especially when,
in debating on inextricable Conditions
and Security, the new Negotiations must
of necessity be spun out to a tedious
Length, which will be subject to the
same Accident, and perhaps to others
as great, and no less dangerous. Don't
we know that nothing has so much
conduced to keep the Government of
France in due Order and Steadiness, as
an Expectation of a speedy Release-
ment of the King, by which the great
Men of that Kingdom have been kept
in Quietness and Obedience to the Mo-
ther; and that as soon as this Hope
should fail, the Kingdom would easily
be sensible of it, and the Government
would be altered? And when once the
Nobles have got the Bridle in Hand,
they will take no Care of the King's
Liberty, but will rather be pleased with
his Captivity, for the Sake of maintain-
ing themselves independant and absolute
Lords. Thus instead of *Burgundy* and
of such a Multitude of Acquisitions,
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we shall no longer have any Thing to expect either from his Imprisonment or Release-
ment. But I would ask you farther, Chancellor, is *Cæsar* in this Resolution to have any Regard to his Dignity and Majesty? Now what greater Disgrace can he incur, what more remarkable Diminution of his Honour, than to be constrained to pardon *Fran-cesco Sforza*? than that a Man who has one Foot in the Grave, your Rebel, a singular Example of Ingratitude, not by humbling himself and flying to your Mercy, but by throwing himself into the Arms of your Enemies, should force you to yield to him, to restore the State so justly taken from him, and to receive Laws from him? It is better, *Cæsar*, and more suitable to the Dignity of the Empire, and to your own Greatness, to trust once more to Fortune, and again to hazard every Thing, than, forgetting your Rank, the Authority of a Prince supreme above all other Princes, and the *Cæsarcan* Name, and the Glory of so many Victories over a most potent King, to accept, from Priests
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A. D. and Merchants, Conditions of such a

^{1526.} Nature, that more grievous and more unworthy could not have been imposed, had you been overthrown and conquered. Wherefore, on considering all these Reasons, and how small the Advantage is that can possibly result from an Agreement with the *Italians*, and by how many Accidents it may easily slip out of our Hands, how unsafe it is to repose Confidence in them, how full of Indignity to abandon the State of *Milan*, that it is necessary for us to come to a Resolution, and to have for once some Consideration of the End, and that the Imprisonment of the King is of no Service to us, but only on account of the Profits which may be drawn from his Freedom, I have advised, and do advise, that an Agreement be first made with him before you agree with the *Italians*; which none can deny to be more glorious, more reasonable, and more useful, provided we can secure ourselves of the Observance: And of this I have some Grounds for Hope, both from the Gratitude of the King
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for the Benefit that he will receive *A. D.*
 from us, and from the Tie of Affinity, ^{1526.}
 and also from the Virtues of your Sister,
 a fit Instrument for maintaining this
 Friendship, but much more from the
 Pledge of the two Sons, one of them
 the First-Born, and the greatest and most
 important Pledge, I think, that we can
 possibly receive of him. And, since
 Necessity constrains us to come to some
 Resolution, we ought surely to put more
 Confidence in a King of *France* with
 so great a Pledge, than in the *Italians*
 with no Pledge at all; to have more
 Faith in the Word of so great a King,
 than in the immoderate Covetousness of
 Priests, or in the suspicious Baseness of
 Merchants; and we may with more
 Ease contract, as our Ancestors have of-
 ten done, an Alliance for some time
 with the *French*, than with the *Itali-*
ans, our natural and eternal Enemies.
 Nor do I only see in this Way of pro-
 ceeding greater Hopes that Faith will
 be kept with us, but less Danger in
 case of any Infringement: For tho'
 the King should not yield you up *Bur-*
gundy,

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1526. *gundy*, he will not dare, while his Children remain as Hostages, to give you any further Provocations, but will seek to moderate the Agreement by Negotiations and Intreaties; besides, as he was in a manner but yesterday overcome, and to-day let out of Prison, he will still stand in Awe of your Arms, and never have the Boldness to make another Tryal of your Fortune: And if he does not take up Arms against you, *Cæsar*, it is certain that all the rest will stand still, till you shall have acquired the Castle of *Milan*, and confirmed yourself in that State in such a Manner, that you shall no longer have any Thing to fear from the Malice of any Person whatsoever. But as for the *Italians*, if you should now make an Agreement with them, and they should have a Mind to break it, there will be no Bridle capable of curbing or restraining them; and as their Power of doing you Injuries increases, their Inclination to do them will be more free, and increase in proportion. Wherefore, in my Opinion, it would be the highest Timidity

midity and Imprudence to lose, out of ^{A. D.} Jealousy, an Opportunity of making an ^{1526.} Agreement attended with so much Glory, with so much Greatness, and with sufficient Security, and in its Stead to take a Resolution very dangerous, if I mistake not, and very pernicious."

WHEN the Viceroy had done speaking, various were the Opinions of the other Members of the Council, it appearing to all who were of sound Judgment, that to make an Accommodation with the King of *France*, in the Manner proposed, would be a very dangerous Step. The *Flemings*, however, were possessed with such a longing Desire of recovering *Burgundy*, as it was the antient Patrimony and Title of their Princes, that it would not suffer them to discern the Truth. It was reported also that the large Gifts and Promises of the *French* had a considerable Influence on many: And above all *Cæsar*, either because such was his first Inclination, or because the Authority of the Viceroy, especially in conjunction with that

A. D. that of *Nansau*, who was of the same
 1526. Opinion, was of very great Moment,
 or else because he thought it too much
 beneath his Dignity to be constrained
 to pardon *Francesco Sforza*, willingly
 hearkened to those who advised an Agree-
 ment with the King of *France*. Hence,
 after he had ordered the Legate *Salvi-*
ati to be once more sounded whether
 he would consent that the Dutchy of
Milan should be bestowed on the Duke
 of *Bourbon*, and was certified that he
 had no Commission to accept that Ex-
 pedient, in which Case he would have
 preferred the Friendship of the Pontiff,
 he took a Resolution to agree with the
 King of *France*, with whom, the chief
 Points having been already discussed
 beforehand, and in a manner settled, he
 came in two or three Days to a Con-
 clusion, without the Intervention of the
 Pope's Legate in any Matter, *Cæsar*
 having before obtained the Consent of
 the Duke of *Bourbon* that his Sister
 promised to him should be married
 to the King of *France*. The Duke, it
 seems, after much Intreaty, had given
 his

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 chuses to
 agree with
 the King
 of *France*.

his Consent, not so much out of a ^{A. D.} Desire of possessing the Dutchy of *Mi-* _{1526.} *lan*, which was promised him contrary to the Sentiments of the Great Chancellor and of the Viceroy; tho' with the Obligation of heavy Payments, as because his Affairs were reduced to such a Situation, that, neither having nor capable of having, Dependance on any but *Cæsar*, he was forced to accommodate himself to his Will. As soon as he had given his Consent, that he might avoid appearing at Court at so unseasonable a Time, he set out with all Expedition, by Orders from *Cæsar*, towards *Barcelona*, to wait there for the Provisions necessary for his Passage into *Italy*, which, for want of Ships, there being at that Time no more than three Light Gallies in *Spain*, and of Money, proceeded but slowly.

THE Contents of the Capitulation, ^{Articles of} stipulated on the Fourteenth of *Febru-* ^{the Con-} *ary*, in the Year 1526, were in Sub- ^{vention on} stance, That between *Cæsar* and the ^{which the} King of *France* should be a perpetual ^{French} ^{King} ^{obtained} ^{his Liber-} ^{ty.}

A. D. 1526. Peace, in which should be comprehended all those who should be nominated by common Consent: That the King of *France*, on the Tenth Day of *March* next, should be set at Liberty on his own Borders on the Coast of *Fonterabia*; and within the Term of Six Weeks following should resign unto *Cæsar* the Dutchy of *Burgundy*, the County of *Charolois*, the Lordship of *Noyers*, and *Chateau Chinon*, Dependencies on the said Dutchy, the Viscounty of *Aussone*, and *Le Resort de St. Laurent de la Roche*, Dependencies of the *Franche Comte*, with all the usual Appurtenances of the said Dutchy and Viscounty, all which should for the future be separated and exempt from the Sovereignty of the Kingdom of *France*: That, at the Time, and at the same Instant the King should be set free, should be delivered into the Hands of *Cæsar* the Dauphin, and besides him either the Duke of *Orleans*, the King's Second Son, or twelve of the principal Lords of *France*, who should be nominated by *Cæsar*, referring it to the Regentess, either to give the Second Son

Son or the Twelve Barons, and remain as Hostages till Restitution should be made of the said Territories, and the Peace ratified and sworn with all its Articles by the States General of *France*, and registered (which they call *enterined*) in all the Parliaments of that Kingdom, with the necessary Formalities, for which was prefixed the Term of Four Months, at which Time the Hostages being restored, *Angoulesme*, the King's Third Son, should be put into the Hands of *Cæsar*, to be educated near his Person, for the better cultivating and maintaining the Peace: That the most Christian King should renounce and yield up to *Cæsar* all his Rights to the Kingdom of *Naples*, and even those which would have come to him by the Investiture of the Church: That he should make the same Renunciation and Cession of his Rights to the State of *Milan*, *Genoa*, *Asti*, *Artois*, *Arras*, *Tournay*, *Lisle*, and *Doway*; that he should restore also the Town and Castle of *Hedin*, as a Member of the County of *Artois*, with all the military Stores, Artillery and Mov-

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ables which were in it when taken last: That he should renounce the Sovereignty of *Flanders* and of *Artois*, and of every other Place in the Possession of *Cæsar*. On the other Side that *Cæsar* should renounce all Rights to any Place whatsoever in the Possession of the *French*, and particularly to *Peronne*, *Mondidier*, the Counties of *Beauvoisine*, *Guines*, and *Ponthieu*, and to the Towns situated on both Sides of the River *Somme*: That there should be a League between them, and a perpetual Confederacy for the Defence of their States, with an Obligation of assisting each other, when it should be needful, with Fifteen Hundred Men at Arms, and Ten Thousand Foot: That *Cæsar* should promise to give Lady *Eleonora*, his Sister, in Marriage to the most Christian King, to whom, as soon as a Dispensation should be procured from the Pope, she should be betrothed with obligatory Words for the present, and be conducted into *France*, for solemnising the Matrimony, at the same time that the Hostages, according to the Articles,

ticles, were to be restored; and that her Dowry should be Two Hundred Thousand Crowns, with suitable Gifts, one Half to be paid within Sixteen Months, and the other Half afterwards within the Year next ensuing: That between the Dauphin and the Daughter of the King of *Portugal* by *Eleonora*, a Marriage should be contracted, as soon as the Parties came of Age: That the King of *France* should use his utmost Endeavours for inducing the old King of *Navarra* to yield to *Cæsar* the Rights of that Kingdom; and, in case of Refusal, the King should give him no Assistance: That the Duke of *Guelderland*, Count of *Zutphen*, and the principal Towns of those States should promise, under sufficient Security, to surrender themselves, after his Death, to *Cæsar*, and that the King should give no Assistance to the Duke of *Wirtemberg*, nor to *Robert de la Marche*: That the King should furnish *Cæsar*, when he had a Mind to pass into *Italy*, and within two Months after it should be required, with twelve Gallies, four Ships, and Four Galleons,

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A. D. fitted out wholly at his own Expence, ^{1526.} except the Payment of the Soldiers on board; and that these Vessels should be restored within Three Months from the Day of Embarkation: That, instead of the Land Forces which the King offered for *Italy*, he should pay unto *Cæsar* Two Hundred Thousand Crowns, one Half within Six Months, and the other Half within the next Year afterwards: That at the Time when the Hostages were to be set at Liberty he should give Bank Bills to *Cæsar* for the Payment of Six Thousand Foot for Six Months, as soon as he should arrive in *Italy*, supplying him also, at his own Cost, with Five Hundred Men at Arms, and a Train of Artillery: That he should indemnify *Cæsar* for his Promise made to the King of *England* to pay him the Pensions due from the King of *France*, the Arrears of which amounted to Five Hundred Thousand Crowns, or else pay *Cæsar* in ready Money: That both should supplicate the Pontiff to give publick Notice, as soon as possible, of a general Council for treating of Peace among

among Christians, and forming Enter-^{A. D.}
prises against the Infidels and Heretics, ^{1526.}
and to grant a general Croisade for
Three Years : That the King should
within Six Months restore the Duke of
Bourbon in ample Form to the Possessi-
on of all his States, and of his Goods
movable and immovable, with all the
Profits received, and should not be at
Liberty to molest him for what was
past, nor constrain him to inhabit or
come into the Kingdom of *France*, but
should leave him at full Liberty to pro-
ceed in a Course of Law concerning
the County of *Provence* ; and should
also restore all those who had followed
the Duke, and namely the Bishop of
Autun, and *M. de St. Valier* : That the
Prisoners on both Sides taken in War
should be set at Liberty : That the
Princess *Margaret* of *Austria* should be
restored to the Possession of all that she
enjoyed before the War : That the
Prince of *Orange* should be set at Li-
berty, and be restored to the Princi-
pality of *Orange*, and to whatever he
possessed at his Father's Death, which

A. D. 1526. had been taken from him on account of his following the Party of *Cæsar*; and the same Benefit was allowed to some other Noblemen: That the Marquis of *Saluzzo* should be restored to his State: That the King, as soon as he arrived in the first Town of his Kingdom, should ratify this Capitulation, and cause it to be ratified by the Dauphin as soon as he came to the Age of Fourteen Years. They nominated many by common Consent, among others the *Swiss*, but not one of the *Italian* Potentates except the Pontiff, who was named to be a Conservator of this Agreement, more out of Form and Ceremony than for any substantial Reason. To all this they added, that the King gave his Word of Honour, that if at any Time he should, for any Cause whatever, refuse to fulfil his Engagements, he would, of his own Accord, voluntarily return to Prison.

THIS Agreement was Matter of vast Surprise to all Christendom; for, as soon as it was understood that the first Thing
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to be put into Execution was the De- ^{A. D.}
 liverance of the Most Christian King, ^{1526.}
 it was the universal Opinion that, after
 he was set at Liberty, he would on no
 account give up *Burgundy*, because it
 was a Member of too great Importance
 to the Kingdom of *France* : And,
 except those few who had advised *Cæ-*
ſar to this Step, his whole Court had
 the ſame Sentiments ; and, above all
 the reſt, the Great Chancellor blamed
 and deteſted the Convention, and with
 ſuch Vehemence that, tho' he had been
 commanded to ſubſcribe the Capitula-
 tion, yet he refuſed to do it, alledging
 that the Authority with which he was
 inveſted ought not to be employed by
 him in dangerous and pernicious Affairs,
 as this before him certainly was. Nor
 could he be removed from his Reſoluti-
 on by all the Indignation of *Cæſar*, who
 at length, finding him to perſiſt in his
 Obſtinacy, ſubſcribed the Inſtrument with
 his own Hand, and a few Days after
 went to *Madrid*, to ſettle the Affinity,
 and by familiar and friendly Converſa-
 tion to lay a Foundation for a laſting
 Friendſhip

A. D. Friendship and Benevolence between him-
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King of
 France
 espouses
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Ceremonies and outward Professions that passed between them, they were often seen together in Public, had several long Conferences in private, went in one Coach in the Middle of the Day to a neighbouring Castle where resided Queen *Eleonora*, with whom the King made a Contract of Matrimony. But among so many Tokens of Peace and Friendship the Guards were not slackened, the Liberty not enlarged, but at the same time that he was carested like a Brother he was guarded like a Prisoner : Whence it might easily be judged that this was a Concord full of Discord*, an Affinity without Affection, and that the old Emulations and Jealousies between them would, on every Occasion, prevail over all Regard to Tyes and Alliances contracted by Force more than from any other Cause.

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* He seems here to allude to a Verse of *Lucan*, speaking of an Agreement between the Triumvirate,
Temporis angusti mansit Concordia discors.

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AFTER several Days spent in this Manner arrived the Ratification of the Regentess, with a Declaration that she chose to have the Dauphin of *France* accompanied by the Second Son rather than by the Twelve Lords. The King then set out from *Madrid* for the Frontiers, where he was to make an Exchange of his Person for his Two little Sons. He was accompanied by the Viceroy, the Author of his Liberty, on whom *Cæsar* had bestowed the City of *Asti*, and other States in *Flanders*, and in the Kingdom of *Naples*.

AT this Juncture *Cæsar* wrote a ceremonial Letter to the Pontiff, signifying that, out of a Desire of Peace, and of the common Good of Christendom, burying in Oblivion a Multitude of Offences and Enmities, he had restored Liberty to the King of *France*, and given him his own Sister in Marriage, and that he had chosen for Conservator of the Peace his Holiness, of whom he always desired to be a most obedient Son.

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Son. And a few Days after he writ him another Letter with his own Hand and sent it by *Errera*, the same who had brought him a Letter from the Pontiff written with his own Hand, in which he answers his, partly in a mild Strain, partly intermixed with somewhat harsh Expressions; concluding that he would restore the Dutchy of *Milan* to *Francesco Sforza*, if he should not be found guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge, and that he intended to have the Cause tried in a Court of Justice by Judges appointed by himself as his Superior: But if it should appear that he had transgressed, he could not dispence with himself from giving the Investiture of that State to the Duke of *Bourbon*, to whom his Holiness himself had been the Cause that he had promised it, having proposed it to him when *Francesco Sforza* lay sick: That to satisfy him, and to make the *Italians* easy, he had resolved not to keep it for himself, nor to give it to his own Brother; protesting, upon his Honour, that this was really his Intention, which he earnestly beseeched

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leeched him to approve, offering him A. D.
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 at all times his Authority and Forces, as an obedient Son of the Apostolic
 Sec. *Errera* carried also an Answer to
 the Minutes of the Articles that had
 been drawn up by the Pope in Favour
 of *Francesco Sforza*, which *Cæsar*, per-
 sisting in his first Resolution had not
 been willing to approve.

HE sent also by him to the Duke
 of *Sessa* the Form of an Agreement,
 which was his ultimate Resolution, with
 Authority to conclude it, in case the
 Pope would accept it. The Contents Articles
proposed
by *Cæsar*
to the
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 of it were in Substance, That *Francesco*
Sforza should be comprehended in their
 Confederacy, if he should be found not
 guilty of Treason against *Cæsar*; but, in
 case of his Death or Deprivation, the
 Duke of *Bourbon* should succeed in the
 Confederacy, and be invested by the Em-
 peror with the Dutchy of *Milan*. The
 Obligation contracted by the Viceroy,
 for the Restitution of the Towns pos-
 sessed by the Duke of *Ferrara*, was con-
 firmed, but on Condition that the Pope
 should

A. D. 1526. should be bound to grant him the Investiture of *Ferrara*, and release him from the Penalty of the Contravention; a Thing contrary to the Pope's Intention, for he designed to exact of him the Penalty of one Hundred Thousand Ducats, to pay the One Hundred Thousand promised to *Cæsar* in case of that Restitution. He did not consent that the State of *Milan* should be obliged to take Salt from the Church, nor that in Matters concerning the Collation of Benefices in the Kingdom of *Naples*, Reference should be made to the Tenor of the Investitures, but to the Cession of preceding Kings, who in many Cases had despised the Rights and Authority of the Apostolic Sec. And because it had been agreed with the Legate that, in order to remove from *Lombardy* the Army, that was become burdensome to all *Italy*, there should be disbursed by the Pope, by himself, as King of *Naples*, and by the other Powers, One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Ducats, in which Case it would be conducted to *Naples*, or to some Country out of *Italy*,
where

where it pleased *Cæsar*, who, it was ^{A. D.} said, had a Design to make it pass over ^{1526.} to *Barbary*, it was proposed that, the Arrears of the Army being increased since that Time, the said Sum should be augmented to Two Hundred Thousand Ducats. The Duke of *Sessa*, and *Errera*, presented a Copy of these Articles to the Pontiff, with a Protestation that it was not in their Power to alter so much as one Syllable of it: All the Difficulties however would have been easily removed, had the Dutchy of *Milan* been disposed of in such a manner as to give no Cause of Jealousy to the Pontiff, and to the other Powers. But it was considered that the Duke of *Bourbon* was so implacable an Enemy to the King of *France*, that, either for his own Security, or from a Desire of invading *France*, he had always been very submissive to *Cæsar*, nor could it be expected that he would ever be uneasy at his exorbitant Greatness; and that the Article of removing the Army from *Lombardy*, which was so much desired by all, and for which Purpose they would

A. D. would not have grudged any Sum of
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 at *Milan* remained a Duke who would
 not only at every Beck from *Cæsar* ad-
 mit his Troops, but perhaps desire and
 solicit their Presence for his own In-
 terest.

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WHEREFORE the Pontiff, who, be-
 cause, in the Agreement made by *Cæsar*
 with the King of *France*, there had
 been no material Mention made of him,
 and none at all of the Security of the
 States of *Italy*, had confirmed himself in
 the Persuasion he had before entertained
 that the Greatness of *Cæsar* must prove
 his Slavery, resolved not to accept the
 Agreement in the Manner in which it
 was proposed to him, but to preserve
 himself free till he should be certified
 of the Measures taken by the King of
France with respect to the Observance
 of his Appointment. And he was the
 more encouraged because, besides the
 Probabilities of the Case, he had been
 informed of some Words spoken by the
 King before he was set at Liberty, and
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by others who were privy to his Coun- ^{A. D.}
sels, by which it appeared he had no ^{1526.}
Mind to fulfil his Engagements with
Cæsar. To confirm the King in this
Resolution, as a Point on which his
own Security depended, he dispatched
away post to *France Pagolo Vettori*, a
Florentine, Commander of his Gallies,
that he might be at Court at the same
Time as the King should arrive, ma-
king this Speed not only to know as
soon as possible his Mind, but also that
the King, by receiving Hopes of an im-
mediate Alliance with the Pontiff and
Venetians against *Cæsar*, might the more
readily determine himself. *Pagolo* there-
fore was commissioned, in the Name
of the Pope, to congratulate his Maje-
sty on his Deliverance, and to inform
him of the Means used by the Pope
for bringing about this happy Event, and
how greatly the Treaty that he had
held for confederating with his Mother
had inclined *Cæsar* to set him at Liberty:
That after this he should represent to
the King that the Pope was very de-
sirous of an universal Peace among Chri-
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Christians, and that *Cæsar* and his Most Christian Majesty should jointly undertake an Expedition against the *Turks*, who were intent on making mighty Preparations for invading the Kingdom of *Hungary* this very Year. These were the apparent Subjects of his Commission, but the substantial and secret Point was, first to attempt, with all his Dexterity, to know the Inclination of the Most Christian King, and, if he should find him disposed to observe the Agreement, to proceed no farther, lest he should, to no Purpose, bring him more out of Favour with *Cæsar* than ever : But if he should perceive him otherwise inclined, or ambiguous, he should endeavour to confirm him, and take all Opportunities for encouraging him to take that Course, by Assurances of the Pontiff's Desire to unite with him for the common Good. He also dispatched into *England* the Protonotary *Gambara*, to use his Endeavours with that King to the same End : And, at his Sollicitations, the *Venetians* sent into *France*, with the like Commission, *Andrea Rosso* their Secretary.

Secretary. And because *Pagolo*, as soon ^{A. D. 1526.} as he arrived at *Florence*, fell sick and died, the Pontiff, tho' he took it for an ill Omen that the Ministers, whom he had now twice sent to *France* on this Negotiation, had perished on the Road, dispatched away in his Place *Capino da Montoua*. In the mean time his Holiness and the *Venetians* were not wanting to employ all possible Means for encouraging and keeping alive the Hopes of the Duke of *Milan*, lest his Fears and the Peace of *Madrid*, should drive him to precipitate himself into some Accommodation with *Cæsar*.

By this time the King of *France* ^{Ceremonies observed on setting the King of France at Liberty.} was arrived at *Fonterabia*, a Town of *Cæsar's*, situate on the Ocean, upon the Borders between *Biscay* and the Dutchy of *Guyenne*; and, on the other Side, the Mother with the two Children were come to *Bayonne*, a few Leagues distant from *Fonterabia*, where she staid several Days before the Day appointed for making the Exchange; because she had been seized with the Gout on the Road. On the

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attended by the Viceroy, General *Alarcone*, and about fifty Horse, was conducted to the Bank of the River that divides the Kingdom of *France* from that of *Spain*, and at the same time *Lautrech* presented himself on the Bank with the Regentess, and an equal Number of Horse, and in the Middle of the River was a large Barge at Anchor with no Person in it. The King approached the Barge in a Skiff, in which, besides himself, was the Viceroy, *Alarcone*, and Eight others, all armed with short Weapons: On the other Side of the Barge came up *Lautrech* in another Skiff, or small Boat, with the Hostages, and Eight Men armed in the same Manner; then the Viceroy mounted the Barge with all his Men, and the King with them, and immediately after mounted *Lautrech* with his Eight Attendants; so that in the Barge was an equal Number on both Sides, the Viceroy having with him *Alarcone*, and Eight others, and the King attended by *Lautrech* and his Eight Men. As soon as they were all on board the Barge, *Lautrech* took the Dauphin out of

of the Skiff into the Barge, and put *A. D.*
him into the Hands of the Viceroy, *1526.*
who delivered him to *Alarcone*, by whom
he was immediately put into their Boat;
and at the same Instant the little Duke
of *Orleans* was taken into the Barge,
and was no sooner in, than the most
Christian King leaped out of the Barge
into his own Boat with such Quickness
that this Exchange came to be made in
the same Moment. As soon as the King
got out of the Boat, on the Bank, he
mounted a *Turkish* Horse of wonderful
Swiftness, provided for that Purpose, and
without stopping posted to *St. Jean de*
Luz, a Town of his own, four Leagues
distant, from which, after taking some
short Refreshment, he spurred on with
the same Speed to *Bayonne*, where he
was received with inexpressible Joy by
the whole Court. From hence he im-
mediately dispatched, with all Diligence,
a Messenger to the King of *England*, with
a Letter written with his own Hand, signi-
fying to him his Deliverance, and acknow-
ledging, in the most kind and affectionate
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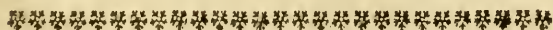
his Liberty to his Good Offices, notifying his hearty Desire to enter into a strict Union and Intimacy with him, and his Resolution to proceed in all Occurrences by his Advice: And not long after he dispatched other Ambassadors to ratify, in a solemn Manner, the Peace which his Mother had made with him, laying a vast Stress on the Friendship of that King.

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